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RED TROOPS ON THE MOVE

Nationalists Continue Retreat Along Yangtse

CABINET CRISIS REMAINS

Communist forces were exerting increasing pressure on the Yangtse Line and continuing to advance Southward in Shensi Province, a Nationalist military spokesman announced here today.

Nationalist forces had voluntarily evacuated to the South bank of the Wei River in Shensi and were continuing to give concessions on the Yangtse Line in an endeavour to secure peace, the spokesman asserted. But, he added, the Government will not yield to any Communist attempt to cross the Yangtse River. The line will be steadfastly guarded until national peace on the basis of equality is achieved, the spokesman said.

More than 10 Communist columns, commanded by General Chen Yi, had begun a gradual movement southward from February 26, he reported. Each column comprised about 25,000 men and vanguards were now not far from the north bank of Yangtse, he told correspondents. Seven columns were in North Anhwei, five in neighbouring North Kiangsu, and an additional four were on the border between the two provinces.

New Moves

Simultaneously with the Southward movement of Communist regular troops, local Communist bands had moved East from Yangtse, which is 50 miles East of Nanking.

New Communist concentrations in North Anhwei, were requisitioning river craft and conscripted coolies had collected more than 1,000 pontoons in Tienmen harbour, near Nantung, 90 miles North West of Shanghai on the North bank of the Yangtse.

From March 7 Communist forces had been incessantly attacking Shihchiachuo, Yishikau, Yicheng and Kowan, the spokesman said.

All attacks on these Nationalist bridgeheads on the North bank of the Yangtse had been repulsed, in Central Shensi, General Peng Teh-hui's forces had

By-Election In North St. Pancras

London, March 10. Voting is taking place today in North St. Pancras by-election. The candidates are Mr. N. Shields, Conservative, Mr. G. K. Robinson, Labour, and J. Mahon, Communist. The election was caused by the death of the Labour member, Mr. G. House.

The Labour majority at the general election was 7,630 in a total poll of 26,254.

Both Labour and Conservative quarters here expect the Government to hold the London constituency of North St. Pancras in tomorrow's Parliamentary by-election.

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The Government has already retained two constituencies—Battersea, Yorkshire, and South Hammersmith, London—in a series of four by-elections now proceeding.

Labour won North St. Pancras—a working-class district with a considerable proportion of railway employees—from the Conservatives in the 1945 general election. The Labour majority was 7,030 over the Conservative and independent opponents.

The present contest is a three-cornered one, with Labour opposed by Conservative and Communist nominees. It is one of the few by-elections which the Communists have contested since 1946.

The North St. Pancras contest has aroused little of the public interest displayed in the South Hammersmith contest. In Hammersmith, the Conservatives were bitterly disappointed by their failure, after a spectacular campaign, to recapture the seat, won from them by a narrow majority in 1945.

Labour was embarrassed at Hammersmith by the Communist "support" for their candidate. The party professed to be much happier in facing a narrow Communist opposition in the North St. Pancras by-election—Battersea.

occupied Tali after the Nationalists evacuated the town. On March 9 the Nationalists recaptured Fuping, the spokesman claimed.

From Chinkiang today it was reported that Nationalist troops had evacuated Luwei bridgehead and had crossed the river to guard the South bank.

Meanwhile, General Ho Ying-chin, leader of the influential Whampoa Military Academy clique in the Kuomintang, has promised President Li Tsung-jen, in a telephone conversation, to form China's new peace Cabinet, the Kiangnan Evening Post reported today.

Reliable sources told Reuter, however, that whether or not General Ho will form China's new Cabinet now depends on retired Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's approval.

Significantly, General Chang Chih-tung, close supporter of the President's peace policy, returned by air today to Nanking after spending several days in Chinkow with the Generalissimo. General Chang went immediately to interview President Li.

Local press reports said that General Ho will return tomorrow to Nanking from Hangchow, Chekiang, provincial capital, close to the Generalissimo's home town.

Ho May Return

His decision to come to Nanking, if confirmed, would mean that the Generalissimo had approved giving him the mandate to form China's new Cabinet, observers here believed.

The Cabinet is being called "streamlined," because it is expected to be reduced from 15 portfolios and three Commissions in the outgoing Sun-pei Cabinet to eight portfolios and two Commissions in the projected Cabinet.

Chinese sources in Shanghai

today said that General Ho Ying-chin had already given conditional assent to the President's request to form a new Cabinet. They added this "conditional assent" was given on the basis that General Ho would be granted carte blanche to run the Government in accordance with the constitutional provision of a responsible Cabinet.

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These two conditions, it was reported, were advanced by General Ho some three months ago when he was asked by Chiang Kai-shek to form a Cabinet prior to the final selection of Dr. Sun Fo as Premier.

Two representatives sent here

specifically by the President to contact local leaders today called on Dr. W. W. Yen and Mr. Chang

New Armies

Earlier this week, it was learned from authoritative Ministry of National Defense sources that the Government, with little success, is attempting to organize an army of at least 30 new armies. A single Chinese army strength very roughly approximates 15,000 troops.

The Special Presidential Committee today completed its first draft of peace proposals but further Government preparation for negotiations with the Communists was still stalled pending the appointment of the new Cabinet.

The drafting committee headed by Sun Fo decided late last night to submit its initial recommendations to Acting President Li Tsung-jen in the next few days.

An unofficial version of the committee's recommendations said they were couched in only the most general terms.—Reuter and Associated Press.

ROBBERS HOLD UP EXPRESS TRAIN

Martinsburg, West Virginia, March 10.

Two of the daring gunmen who held up the Baltimore and Ohio streamliner and then robbed and terrorized the passengers and crew members in Jesse James style were believed to be fleeing "afar" today, and the police set out after them with bloodhounds.

After looting the train, the gunmen fled to a nearby night club and robbed it before making their getaway. Broadcasts were set up on all highways in the area in the belief that the gunmen may have commanded another car.

Two getaway cars used by the bandits were found abandoned near the scene of the robbery.

One train crewman was wounded

and several passengers suffered by the bandits who walked through the cars systematically robbing passengers of their cash. The loss was estimated at US \$1,434.

The gunmen, who boarded the Detroit-bound train at Washington, forced the conductor, Robert Horner, to pull the emergency cord and halt the train two miles out of Martinsburg. When the engineer, Roy C. Perdew, came back to see what was the matter, they sliced him unmercifully and held him at the gunpoint while the looting continued.

"Wild West" Holdup

Four bold bandits halted a train and robbed the passengers today in a daring "Wild West" holdup. One dining car employee was shot but not seriously, and several

crownmen and passengers were slugged. A woman was slapped in the face when she became hysterical.

The men dropped off the train 45 minutes after they halted it. Passengers said they were about 32 years old, and some said they appeared to be "doped."

The robbers got at least \$1,434 in cash, according to R. J. Morrison, superintendent of the Cumberland division of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He said \$707 was taken from coach passengers, \$200 from Pullman passengers, \$107 from the train crew and \$300 from the dining room steward.

Dr. Mark Keel, a passenger, said the whole thing was "fantastic." He said two men armed with big 45 revolvers forced the passengers in his coach to kneel on the floor while the robbers went through their pockets.

The bandits, riding as passengers, stopped the Baltimore & Detroit express two miles west of Martinsburg, by forcing a crew member to pull the emergency cord. Engineer C. C. Moore was ordered to back the train to a grade crossing between Martinsburg and Berkeley Springs.

While two robbers worked their way through the coaches, the other two held the locomotive crew at gunpoint and relieved them of their money and watches. They then dropped off the train at the grade crossing and escaped in an automobile which they apparently had standing by.

Later they held up a night club near the scene of the train robbery and escaped with \$200.—United Press.

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Columbus' Last Descendant Weds



The last living descendant of Christopher Columbus, Cristobal Colon de Carvalho Y. Mano, Duke of Veragua, was married to Senorina Annabella Gorosabul Y. Ramirez de Haro, a Spanish society girl, in the San Francisco El Grande Church, in Madrid.—AP Photo.

North China Trade Due To Resume As Ship Sailings Planned

(By Our Harbour Reporter)
Three Hong Kong steamers are due to leave for Chinese Communist ports to barter with the

Tientsin and other Red ports open to foreign shipping now, local traders will inevitably disregard the North Koreans.

The sailing schedules are Esang on March 13, Lady Wolmer and Grand on March 12.

The three steamers have been chartered by local Chinese merchants who have recently renewed their former connections with Red areas.

Local Cargo

It was reported that the ships have more than 5,000 tons of local cargo, including gasoline, sugar sacks and industrial equipment.

A representative of ours at Weihaiwei arrived in Hong Kong last week, and brought down with him a special permit from the Chinese authorities there for barter trade with the Colony, one of the charterers declared yesterday in an interview.

"The representative went by truck to Shih Tau on the top of the Shantung Peninsula, from where he took a steamer (its identity withheld) to Hong Kong. "The Communist permit, the first to make its appearance here, contains particulars regarding the exchange, including the types of cargo required and those permitted to leave Red areas.

"We have permission here to clear for Weihaiwei and preparations have been going on smoothly so far," he said. "His ship has already been loaded with about 2,000 tons of local merchandise, including gasoline, sugar sacks and industrial equipment.

"We have also permission to ship back from the Red ports vegetable oils, vermicelli and Shantung silk. The Weihaiwei official will probably leave with the ship," he concluded.

No Escort

Asked whether their ships would need any special escort on route up North, many traders dismissed the idea with a confident shrug. "I think we can trust them," is the consensus among them.

Some recalled the warm reception received by the American freighter President Fillmore, which was the first foreign steamer to call at Taku Bar after the Communist occupation.

Now that Tientsin is being opened to foreign shipping again, the North Korean trade, which has been very remunerative during the past few months after the Red capture of several major North China ports, will be roughly affected, a newly returned trader from North Korea said yesterday.

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Press reports said Communists from the Irrawaddy delta are heading toward Insein, a rail town 10 miles North of Rangoon, where the Karen are battling Burma Government forces.

Burma is fighting uprisings both from the Karen, who seek an autonomous state, and from the Communists.

Officials said the procedure for bringing in Italy, Denmark Por-

"With Tientsin and other Red ports open to foreign shipping now, local traders will inevitably disregard the North Koreans," he declared.

The Butterfield and Swire steamer Han yang cleared for Inchon, South Korea, recently. Loen reports that she would attempt to communicate with the Tientsin authorities en route to Taku Bar could not be confirmed here.

Two steamers are due to leave for North Korea today and tomorrow. They are the Russian freighter Azov and the Portuguese steamer San Rafael, which has among her cargo a truck and a jeep, standing prominently on the deck.

The Jardine, Matheson steamer Esang arrived here from the North last evening.

Meanwhile, United Press reported from Tientsin that arrangements are progressing daily to recycle Hong Kong and South China shipping.

Although the Chinese Communists agreed to permit the resumption of sea trade specified Chinese ships Tientsin agents of Jardine Matheson Company were advised that it is permissible for their ships to come to Taku Bar from Hong Kong with the steamer Esang sailing from Hong Kong on March 12. Another British ship, Butterfield and Swire, was also due to arrange shipments into Tientsin but details were not learned.

Britons in the escaped group included Major Hunt and Captain Dowar-Durie, of the British Consulate-General, and Mr. Eric Watts, of the Kailan Mining Administration, now of Jardine, Matheson, Hong Kong.

Also honoured today was Fong Shu-chen, Chief Chinese Administrator of British Troops in China Headquarters during the war.

He was awarded insignia of Honorary Member of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire in recognition of his devotion to duty and meritorious service to the British War effort in China.

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Chinese Woman Awarded

Shanghai, March 10.

A pretty 28-year-old widow and authoress, Mrs. Fan Hsiang Mei-lin, was the central figure in a ceremony at the British Consulate-General here this morning when the Consul-General, Mr. R. W. Urquhart, presented certificates awarded by the King to three Chinese in recognition of services to the Allied cause during the war years.

Mrs. Fan, mother of two children, who recently gained prominence for an article "Girls who are Toys of Men," in a Chinese magazine, received the award on behalf of her husband, Fan Chun-shan, executed by Japanese Gendarmes for aiding in the escape of the Shanghai area to Free China shortly after the outbreak of the Pacific War.

The other two Chinese receiving similar certificates were P. C. Sah and Kiang Cho-ching, both of whom collaborated with Mr. Fan Chun-shan, executed by Japanese Gendarmes for aiding in the escape of the Shanghai area to Free China shortly after the outbreak of the Pacific War.

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Air Crash

Sydney, March 10.

All 21 occupants were killed when a Lockheed Lodestar transport aircraft crashed and burned out while taking off near Coolangatta, 46 miles South of Brisbane, today.

The 18 passengers included a man, his wife and their two infant sons.

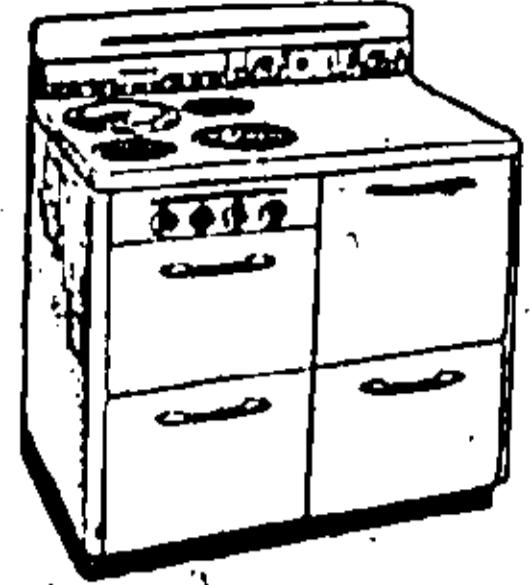
The aircraft crashed into a swamp and burst into flames as it was leaving Blaxland airport.

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May Appears In Own Defence At PWD Trial

Evidence in his own defence was given by Arthur Frederick May, electrical inspector Grade 3, in the witness stand towards the close of yesterday's hearing of the PWD larceny trial. This came after Mr. A. J. Clifford, May's counsel, had delivered his opening address to the jury, during which Counsel remarked that the jury might wonder how a sort of man like May with a good background should do the things with which he was charged for \$70.

Jointly charged with May is Kwok Kwong, foreman of the Public Works Department. They are standing trial on three counts of larceny by public servant and three counts of falsification of documents with intent to defraud the Government.

Mr. A. J. Clifford, counsel for May, closed his cross-examination of Kwok at the early part of yesterday's hearing. In the course of which Kwok stated that May had told him at Hung Hom to make an estimate of the Pokfulam job.

Commencing his cross-examination, Crown Counsel, Mr. A. Hooton, put it to Kwok that he did say he thought the Pokfulam job was a Government job, to which accused agreed. Since Li had gone there and saw Dr Thomas, Kwok added, and knowing him to be Medical Director, he thought the job was a Government one.

Mr. Hooton then asked Kwok whether it was because he thought it was a Government job that he had used Government material on it. Kwok replied that it was not only because of that, but also because May gave him instructions to do it. Kwok agreed with Counsel that there was no doubt that the cable issued to Li Chor for the work at To Kwa Wan Market and other places, while they were actually doing work at Pokfulam. Agreeing to this Kwok declared that his idea was, as the workmen were doing the counts of falsification with which he was charged was that he had no intention to defraud the Government because he thought it was quite proper to show Li Chor and the others doing work at To Kwa Wan Market and other places, while they were actually doing work at Pokfulam.

Counsel then inquired whether he would be right in saying that the lighting cable drawn for Li Chi Kok Hospital was sent to Pokfulam, to which Kwok stated that the cable used at Pokfulam was not taken from the Li Chi Kok job alone. In fact, he declared, the materials used at Pokfulam were materials from the stores for various other jobs.

Materials Recorded
The drawing and issuing of the materials for the various jobs, he stated, were recorded in the estimate and cost sheet.

Further questioned, Kwok denied having ever been asked by May where the single cable authorised for Li Chi Kok Hospital had gone to. He further denied having been asked as to where the single cable for the Vegetable Market had gone to either.

Replying to a query, Kwok told the court that May went into the stores at Hung Hom to inspect the place very often during office hours every day. Kwok denied a suggestion from Counsel that he knew perfectly well that the job at Pokfulam was not a Government job. He did not know it was unauthorised, accused declared, as May never told him that.

Asked whether he had ever previously done any Government job on the Hong Kong side while he was at Hung Hom, Kwok replied in the negative. Further questioned, he disclosed that in this respect the Pokfulam job did not make him suspicious that it was not a Government job. He never had any doubt about it, he declared, as he relied entirely upon May's responsibility.

Kwok agreed with Counsel that he never received any request from the head office of the elec-

Reminders

Today

HK Art Club sponsors lecture on art by Mr. Douglas Bland, PRO lecture room, 5.30 p.m. Shanghai Dockyards Limited annual general meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 11 a.m. Sino-British Gramophone Group recital at Helena May Institute, 8.15 p.m., talk by Dr. K. H. Utley.

Stephens' Old Boys Association annual dinner and meeting, Roof Garden, JIC Hotel 7 & 8 p.m.

European YMCA Members' Council meeting, 8 p.m. HK Football Association League Management Committee meeting, 8.15 p.m.

TOMORROW

HK Football Referees Association Dinner, China Fleet Club, 8 p.m.

Rotary Annual District Conference at Macao.

SUNDAY

To K Club Classical Concert, Talbot House, 50 MacDonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

HK Light Orchestra, concert of popular music, Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.

Rotary Annual District Conference at Macao.

HK Art Club sketching party, members to assemble at the Kowloon Star Ferry Wharf, 10.45 a.m.

the first being the Director of Public Works and the other a prominent doctor.

Among other things, Mr. Clifford told the jury that the fact that May, right after the liberation, could have taken the opportunity of taking materials that were lying around, but instead, he devised forms for the gathering up of all such electrical materials and took pains to put them on charge.

Counsel also recalled the incident concerning the watch and pen given to May by someone, both of which were handed over to the PWD by May. Mr. Clifford told the jury that they might wonder whether a sort of man like that could do the things with which he was charged for \$70.

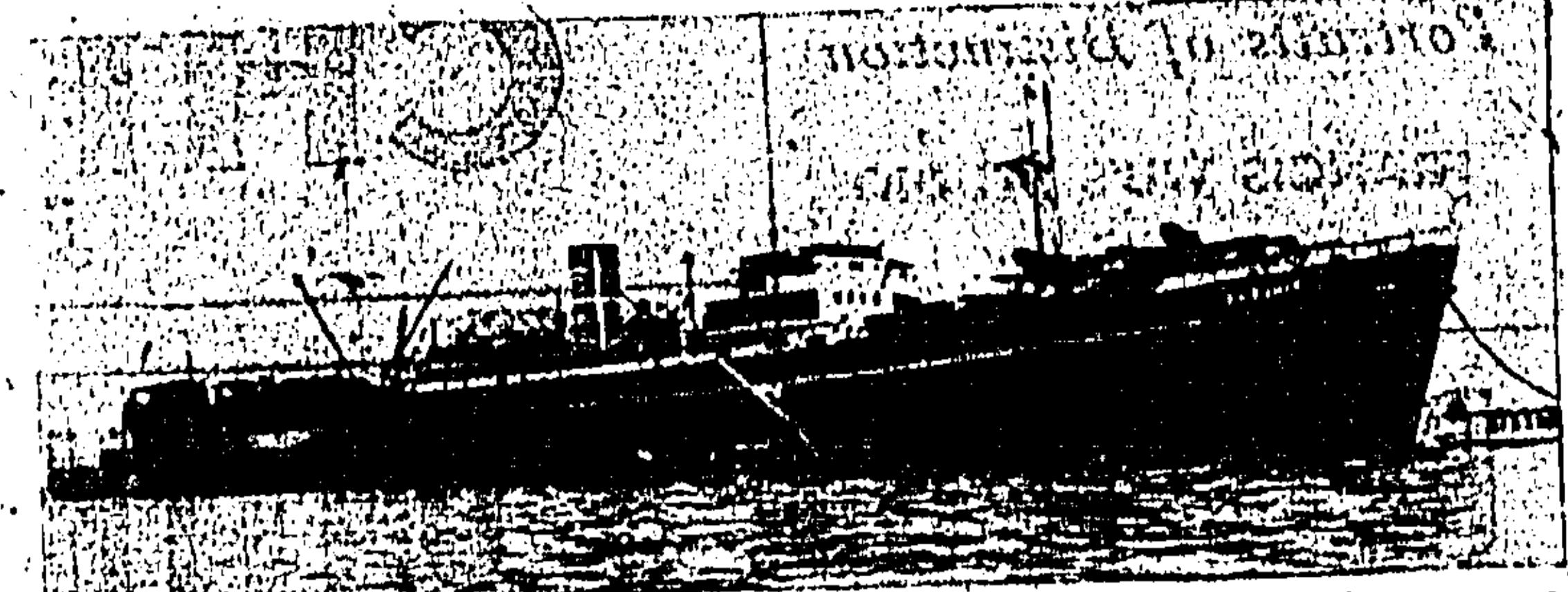
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May went on to relate what happened to him after the war, in the course of which he told the court that after the liberation he worked for about 14 to 18 hours every day putting the materials lying around on Government ward. He eventually had to be sent to hospital on account of overwork. The result of this, he continued, was that he had to be sent back to England in May 1947 and stayed there for about six months.

When he came back, May continued, he was posted on Kowloon side. The PWD and Mr. Brown of the electrical department praised him, not to overwork himself. After one month he was given an additional job of taking inventories of furniture lying about the job for which should have been a full-time job, he added.

May then gave explanations on the daily labour distribution and job reports and the like.

Hearing will continue this morning at 10 a.m. when May will resume his evidence.



Taped firmly all over, eight Mustang fighters entered port yesterday, unmanned and without wing tips and tail planes. They are part of the Royal Australian Air Force equipment being evacuated from Kure by sea to Australia. The accessories are kept in crates, over which the planes are securely held on stands. The Mustangs arrived here aboard the mv. Kafiristan, which is due to resume her journey to Brisbane and Sydney on March 13. ("China Mail" Photo).

Australian Aircraft Evacuated

Eight more Mustang fighters arrived here yesterday aboard the mv. Kafiristan from Kure, marking the second last shipment of Royal Australian Air Force equipment being evacuated from Japan to Australia.

Some parts have been detached and kept in crates, over which the planes are held securely on special stands.

The Kafiristan brought more than 450 tons of cargo, including military equipment. There are trucks, jeeps and cranes, strewn all over the deck.

She will leave the Colony on March 13 for Australia, calling en route at Rabaul, Lee, Brisbane, Sydney, New Zealand and the Fiji Islands.

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Both Sides

Sir—I must congratulate you for your fairness in publishing both sides of the case in the latest correspondence on hotel rates' control. Mr. Silva, as was evident in his original letter, espoused the cause of truth. As far as anyone with commonsense can see, he also paid a glowing charge to the powers that be.

Mr. Charles Loseby on the other hand, has made sententious utterances and spoken as if he was someone in high authority, both of which were handed over to the PWD by May. Mr. Clifford told the jury that they might wonder whether a sort of man like that could do the things with which he was charged for \$70.

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As Mr. Silva said, the control of hotel rates has become law and the gist of Mr. Loseby's letter is that he thinks it bad legislation. I humbly submit that if he does not like the laws of this Colony nor its legislators, nor the frailties of human nature here, no one is pressuring him to stay.

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Superior British Craft, Industry

Britain's nationalisation of industries has yet to prove that it is any better, if indeed as good as the old system of free enterprise, said Mr. D. S. Hill, President of the Hong Kong Rotary Club, in a talk on "Industry and Crafts".

Mr. Hill addressed a gathering at the weekly show of the British Council at the Helena May Institute yesterday. He said British craft and industry have long been respected throughout the world and in certain lines have held undisputed superiority.

He added that: "British industry is equipped for such a type of production."

Britain can still offer a much wider range of goods than any other country in the world. Strongly enough, the United States is an eager customer for many of them.

There is some danger of crafts dying out through lack of fresh blood. Some have already reached the stage where the only craftsmen left are in late middle age or old age.

It will be a great pity to see British saddlery and leather work, sports goods, fine furniture, chinaware, glassware, optical goods, disappear like those exquisite wrought iron gates of the last century which can no longer be made at any price.

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St. John's Cathedral Holds Annual Meeting

That this was the Centenary Year of the Diocese—an occasion which called for special celebration, was mentioned by Dean A. P. Rose in his Chairman's address to the gathering at the Annual Church Meeting of St. John's Cathedral Church held at the Cathedral Hall yesterday.

Reviewing the work of the Cathedral Church Council, Mr. D. J. S. Crozier, Hon. Secretary, said in his report:

Electors on the Roll of the Cathedral total 207, an increase of 36 on last year's figure. The figure is considerably less than for 1941. In spite of the fact that the number of regular worshippers at the Cathedral now is undoubtedly greater than it was before the war, the figure continues to mystify the Council.

The Council once again appeals to all regular attenders at the services who have not already enrolled to associate themselves with their Cathedral in this formal way, and help advance the cause of the Church by adding to its corporate force.

The Board has recommended that Dean Rose and that re-appointed to his office, and that this re-appointment should continue in force until his resignation. The Council is in full agreement with this recommendation.

There is urgent need for augmenting the spiritual staff by an additional full-time priest. The need stressed a year ago, has not been met due solely to the financial position of the Cathedral. No effort must be spared to increase the revenue so that this matter may be put right.

In December, Miss Bicheno resigned the position of Cathedral Organist. The Council accepted her resignation with regret which was however, tempered by the satisfaction that she agreed to accept the post of Honorary Organist.

Miss Bicheno's place has been taken by Mr. Fraser.

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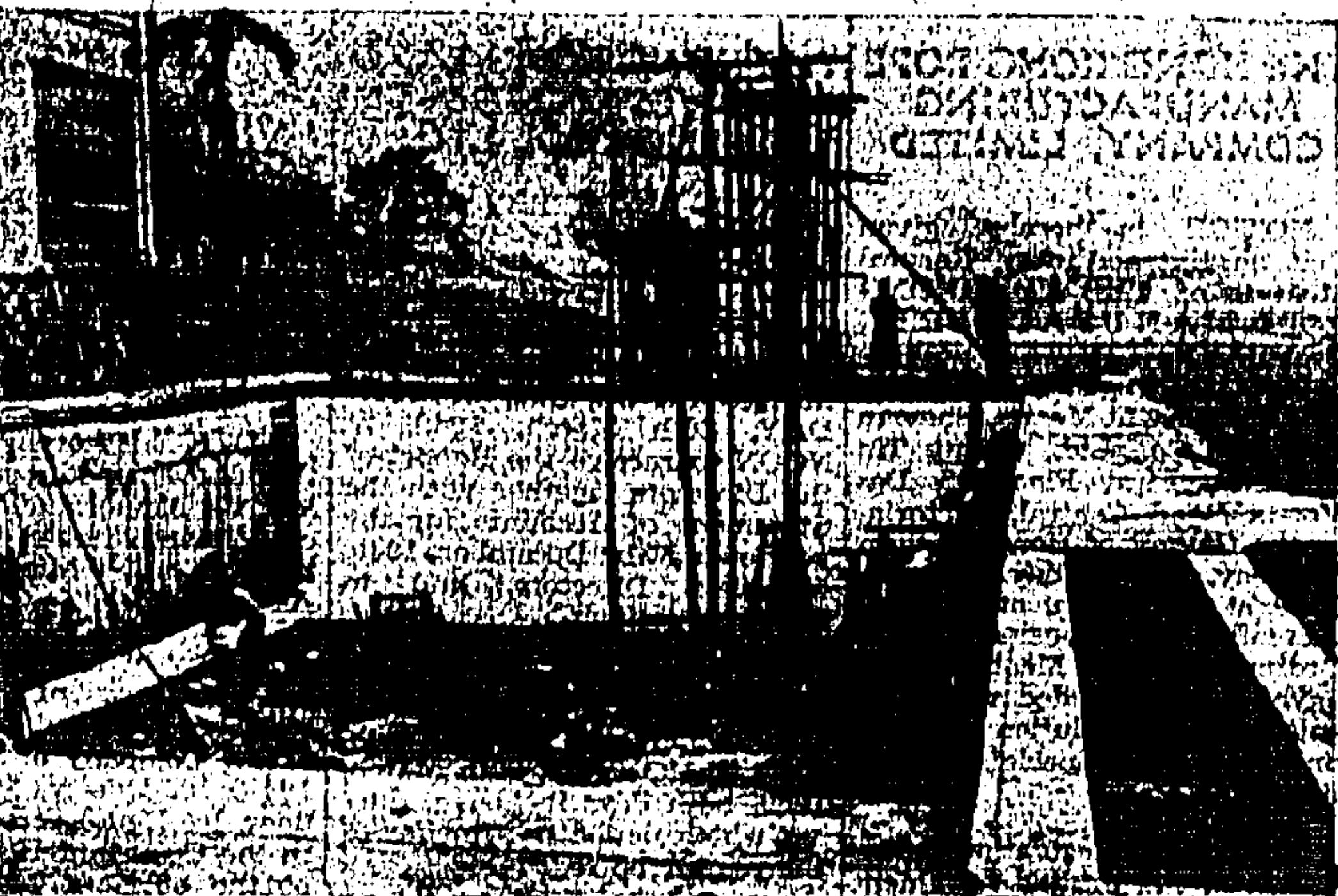


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Workmen affixing tiles to the walls of the \$100,000 swimming pool at the Ladies Recreation Club. ("China Mail" Photo).

POOL TO BE READY IN MARCH

The HK\$100,000 swimming pool at the Ladies Recreation Club on May Road is nearing completion and is expected to be ready for use by member of the Club at the end of this month.

The pumping system which will keep the pool supplied with chlorinated fresh water, is estimated at HK\$50,000.

The swimming pool, which covers an area of about 2,750 square feet, is located on the harbour side of the Club premises and is built of concrete with walls of white enamel tile.

At its deepest part, the pool measures 12 feet three inches. The shallow portion of the pool, which is at the eastern end, measures three feet six inches.

There are three diving stages, the heights of which are three feet, nine feet and 21 feet, respectively.

At the side of the pool, there is a small paddling pool for the children, the depth of which is one foot six inches.

The pool was designed by Mr. R. A. MacKichan, architect of Messrs. Leigh and Orange, while the construction work is being carried out by Messrs Sang Lee and Company, contractors, or No. 2 Tin Lok Lane, Wan Chai.

Mr. H. G. Margaret, Lieutenant Colonel H. B. L. Dowbiggin, O.B.E.

Church Council Hon. P.S. Cassidy, Mr. O. Skinner, Dr. E. To, Mrs. A.E. Souza, Mr. D. Kwok, Dr. C.J. Harth, Cdr. K.A.C. Beeching, Dr. K.H. Utley, Mr. G.B. Endacott, Mr. C.D. Slade, Mr. B.C. Field, Lieut. Col. H. Owen Hughes, O.B.E., Mr. E.G. Stewart, D.S.O., Mr. E.W. Pudney, Miss B.M. Bicheno, Mr. Jennings, Mrs. G.E. Marden, Mr. F.G. Mauder, Mr. F.F. Duckworth and Mr. D.J.S. Crozier.

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Representatives to the Vicar of Christ Church Conference—

Mr. H.C. Margaret, Mr. Justice Gould, Mr. F.C. Mauder.

SEIZED GOLD

Gold seized in the Colony by the Hong Kong authorities last year amounted to 7,200.10. taels. This does not include seizures of gold coins and gold jewellery.

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Further particulars are available from the Government Gazette of 28th January, 1949 or from the Crown Lands and Survey Office.

V. KENNIF, Director of Public Works, January 18, 1949.

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"That the Regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing Articles thereof."

A print of the new Articles of Association can be inspected at the offices of Messrs. Shewan Tomes & Co., Ltd., 5 Des Voeux Road Central aforesaid, the General Managers of the Company, at any time during business hours.

Dated at Hong Kong this 11th day of March 1949.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., LTD.

I. W. SHEWAN, Director, General Managers.

Hong Kong, March 11, 1949.

THE HONG KONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixtieth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Chung Tin Building, First Floor, 5 Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Tuesday, 5th April, 1949 at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31 December, 1948, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

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Hong Kong, March 10, 1949.

NOTICE

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Hong Kong, March 10, 1949.

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Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-First Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, Jordan Road Ferry Pier, Kowloon, on Saturday, the 27th March, 1949 at 12.00 noon for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1948.

Notice is also given that the Share Register of the Company will be closed from the 18th to 26th March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

LAU TAK PO, Managing Director.

Hong Kong, March 10, 1949.

THE DIOCESAN SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting and Dinner of the Association will be held on Sunday, 27th March, 1949 at the Chinese Club, Bank of Canton Building.

Annual Meeting at 7.00 p.m. and Dinner at 8 p.m.

All members of the Association and all old boys are requested to attend. Tickets for the Dinner can be obtained from members of the Committee.

A. E. PERRY, Hon. Secretary, Gande, Price & Co., Ltd., St. George's Building.

Hong Kong, March 10, 1949.

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Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the ordinary yearly general meeting of shareholders of the company will be held at the Head Office of the company, 5 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 23rd March, 1949 at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1948 and for the appointment of Directors and Auditors and declaration of dividends.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from the 16th day of March to 23rd March, 1949 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be registered.

By Order of the Board,

THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, 28th March, 1949, at NOON to receive the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, to elect Directors, and to appoint Auditors.

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Miss Phyllis Calvert, star of many British films, makes her Hollywood debut in "Time Out Of Mind". Though she retains all her native charm and her qualities as an actress she appears as the photo above shows to have "gone through the Hollywood 'treatment'."

Music Is Brighter Than Stars

Though it is not mentioned in anything but the smallest type on the credit lists and not at all on the large eye-bludgeoning posters, those who contribute most to "Time Out Of Mind," Universal-International feature coming to the Lee, are Miklos Rozsa and Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco.

They wrote the music, a symphony concerto and other odd bits and pieces supplied for the benefit of Robert Hutton, who plays the part of the dissolute conductor-composer-pianist. If Mr. Hutton's performance came up to the quality of the compositions he handles the film would be a great deal better than it is.

Adapted from Rachel Field's novel of the same name, the picture tells the story of a girl who kept herself in a more or less permanent state of gloom by sublimating her love for a useless character in order to further his career as a musical genius. Phyllis Calvert is the girl.

Time was when Miss Calvert was a British actress of merit. She was noted for her simple charm as much as for her other qualities. She still has that but it lies under the glossy veneer with which Hollywood appears to coat all its stars. It seems to be

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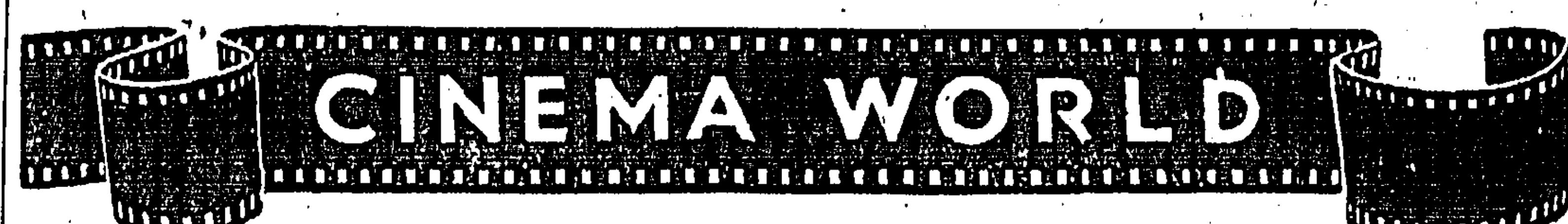
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She makes of "The Red Shoes" an unforgettable experience for those who are moved by human motion exercised with skill, grace and a clear motive. One hesitates to call Miss Shearer's art dancing. It cannot be classed carelessly with the numerous forms of frenetic undulation which come under that name.

Those who toss their hard-earned dollars into the maw of the Queen's and Alhambra from next Wednesday will see something new—a form entirely devoted to ballet. Though it starts out with two stories, one within the ballet of "The Red Shoes" and one of the people concerned with it, the two converge before the end, making of the whole a melange of phantasy and fact which is more than slightly diverting.

Basically, the story is concerned with two young lovers, Victoria Page (Moira Shearer) and Julian, Craster (Marius Goring), and Doris Lermontov (Anton Walbrook), entrepreneur and ruler of the Ballet, Lermontov.

Victoria is a young, unknown dancer and Julian is a composer with the same afflictions. They are discovered by Boris who is as mad as he is brilliant where ballet is concerned.

Julian makes a startling revision of the score of a ballet "The Red Shoes", which Lermontov

has decided to produce the "Shoes" opus. Fortunately, the company's

a matter of makeup. Hollywood is not satisfied with a pretty girl. It has to make her beautiful—and thus, in most cases, faintly artificial.

Miss Calvert plays in this instance a servant in the household of the Fortunes, on the coast of Maine. She falls in love with the son of the house, who is being browbeaten by his father to take on the sea as a profession against his own wishes which are to write music.

The errant son and his sister (Ella Raines) runaway to Paris with the serving wench's connivance. Love's dream returns from there complete with smart society wife.

This shocks the slivvys somewhat but does not kill her luvv. Later she gets the reward that one knows all along is due to her if she takes enough snicks in the eye from the target of her amour. One particularly happy spot in the film is when the young musical genius arrives very drunk to play his concerto at a concert arranged for him by his wife's father. He becomes a little tired of the concerto and all the nonsense attendant upon the performance and breaks into "A Bicycle Built For Two" half way through.

Robert Stodmak produced and directed "Time Out Of Mind". He is to be credited with some fine dramatic effects and imaginative handling of scenes. He is to be debited with a rather unimpressive film.

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RAM CURSE

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Remembered by many for her performances in ingenue parts in "Random Harvest" and "Song Of Russia," Miss Susan Peters makes a dramatic comeback in "The Sign Of The Ram," coming to the King's soon.

Miss Peters accidentally shot herself while hunting on January 1, 1945. As a result of this she will be confined to a wheelchair for the rest of her life. Her performance in "The Sign Of The Ram" shows not only her merit as an actress but a fine capacity for recovery from what must have been a bitter blow to an attractive, rising star.

It appears that the title of this photoplay comes from astrological information to the effect that those people born under the Zodical sign of Aries, the ram (from March 21 to April 20), are endowed with strong will power and obstinacy of purpose—have a magnificent store of health and energy—desire to be looked up to and regarded as the head both in home and career. They will stop at nothing to achieve their desires.

For the sake of the ram children it is to be hoped that the astrologists err in this matter. At any rate one hopes that they do not turn out like the beautiful, wheelchair-bound megalomaniac Leah St. Aubyn, the character played by Susan Peters in the film.

This Leah is an authoress. She has a superficially happy home life with her husband Mallory (Alexander Knox) and his three children by a former marriage, Logan (Ross Ford), Jane (Allene Roberts) and Christine (Peggy Ann Garner).

Suffering heavily from the ram hoodoo, however, dear Leah cannot let sleeping dogs lie. Possibly this is because she is plainly a dog herself—feminine gender.

Both Logan and Jane have their love-life interfered with to some tune, and, as a result, leave home in a huff. Leah is a mite upset by all this, a fact which causes her devoted step-

daughter Christine to take a hand in the interference game. She blames her stepmother's secretary (Phyllis Thaxter) for all the trouble. Eventually Leah comes to believe that this maligned creature is toying with her husband. Things become fairly hectic about this time and whip up to something quite fruity in the way of climaxes.

Bergman Film
Here Soon

March 31 is the date for the opening of "Arch Of Triumph", starring Ingrid Bergman, Charles Boyer and Charles Laughton, at the Queen's theatre.

It will be the premiere of the picture that the presentation will be made of the Hong Kong Film News "Gold Star" ballot award to Miss Bergman's representa-

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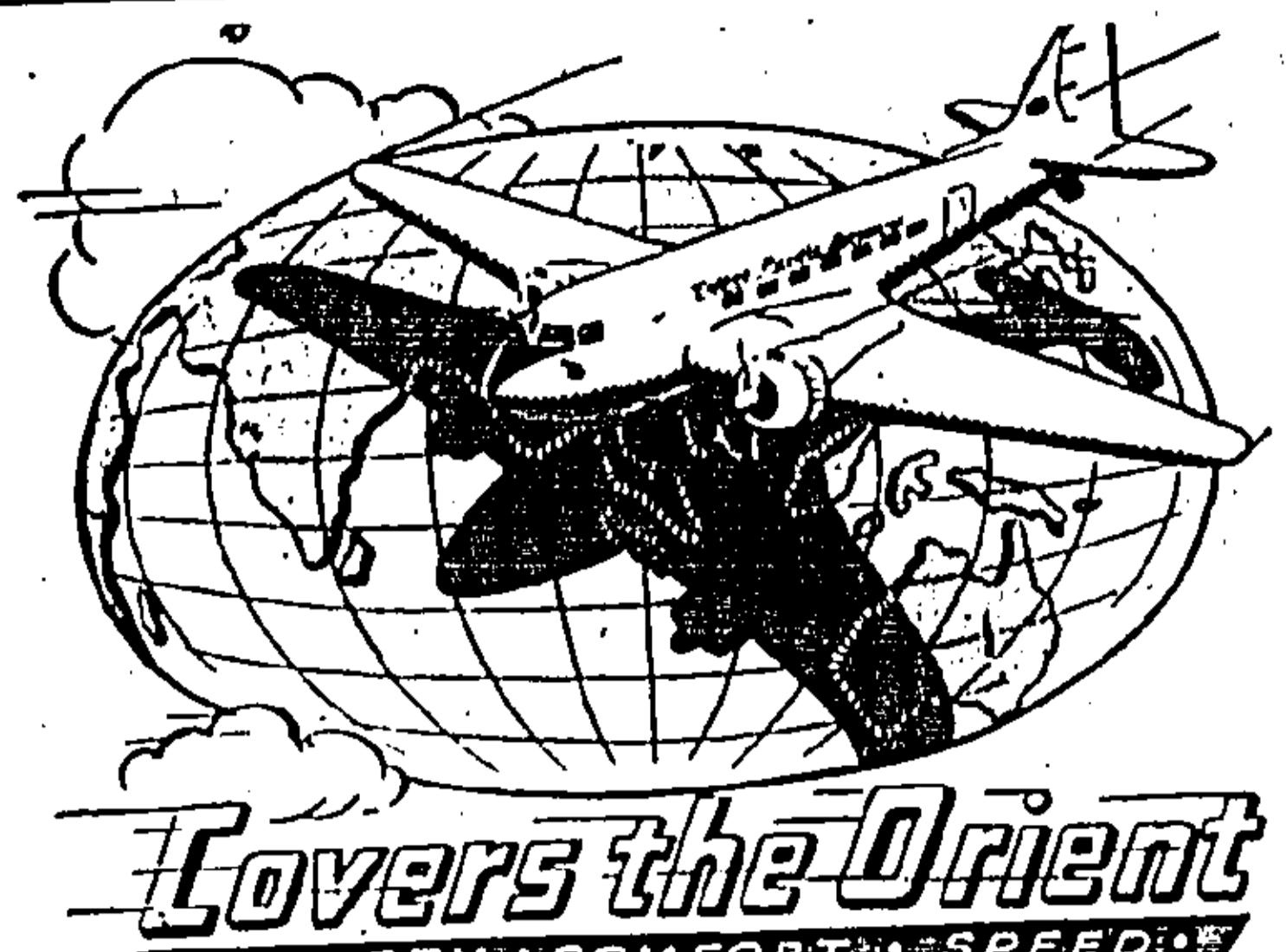
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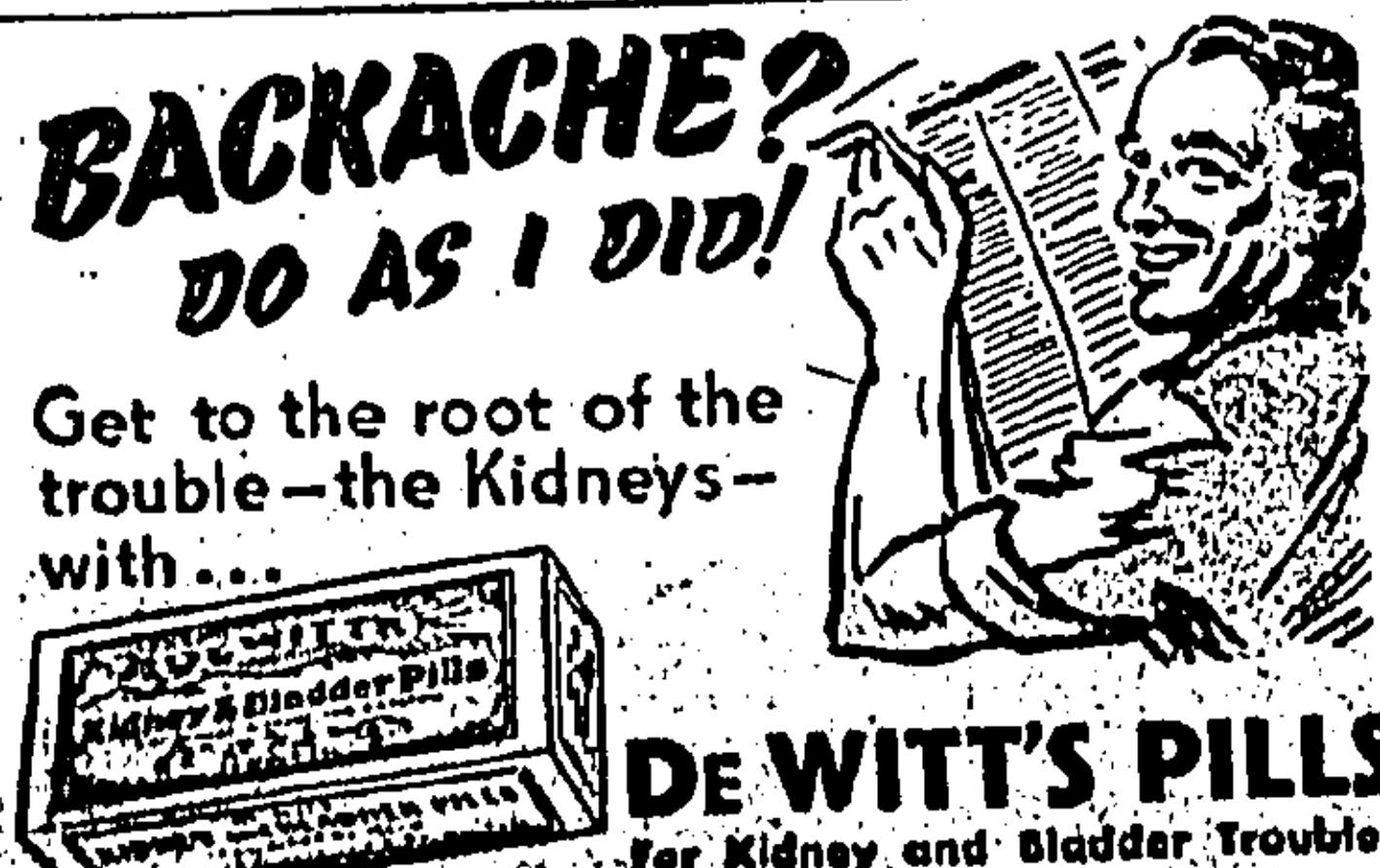
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Our outlook at this time was that London, except for its strong modern buildings, would be gradually and soon reduced to a rubble-heap. I was deeply anxious about the life of the people of London, the greater part of whom stayed, slept and took a chance where they were. The brick and concrete shelters were multiplying rapidly. The Tubes offered accommodation for a good many. There were several large shelters, some of which held as many as 7,000 people, who camped there in confidence night after night little knowing what the effect of a direct hit would have been upon them. I asked that brick traverses should be built in these as fast as possible. About the Tubes there was an argument which was ultimately resolved by a compromise.

DEFENCE FORCE

From correspondence in these columns recently regarding the Defence Force, it appears—as we anticipated in former editorials—that a distinct conflict exists among persons of British origin with at least comparable backgrounds and loyalties, persons of integrity and courage, who wish to see a continuance of British rule here, but who differ as to ways and means.

Few if any of our readers can doubt that the authorities at Home and in Hong Kong have initiated the Defence Force except in honesty and sincerity, believing that, in view of the exigencies of the immediate future, its existence would help to preserve the welfare and properties of the Colony's citizens in these troubled times. Very fair conditions have been offered, and a wide choice of roles offered to persons of every capability, experience and degree of freedom to serve. Some of the pre-war anomalies have been removed, and a certain guarantee given of better treatment in the future.

To repeat, this has been done in all sincerity by those concerned with the formation of the new force. This newspaper's main criticism has been that insufficient publicity has been given to the recruiting campaign, that the doubts of honest individuals with a bitter taste in their mouth have not been fully resolved, that the really dependable individuals were unlikely to enroll in satisfactory numbers.—All opinions which have been borne out by subsequent developments.

Without raising any racial issues, the hard facts are that British-born subjects are the most valuable and dependable; (we are not quoting the authorities here, but facts speak for themselves). Many of those now in the Colony were interned in Shamshui Po and later in Japan, and their comments have not helped to swell recruiting. From a total of 7,000 Britons and a further 3,000 of British nationality, only 300-odd have so far volunteered. Our correspondent "W" does not claim to speak for anyone but himself, but it cannot be doubted that his views are shared by others.

Yesterday he voiced the "strong suspicion" that those who died in 1941 "were sacrificed in a token defence," a belief that history is being repeated, and the claim that no concrete plan for defence of the Colony had yet been laid before the public. He goes further and gives his reasons for lack of faith in government's "inefficiency, corruption, maladministration of public funds, and lack of representation."

Now, anyone familiar with the personnel knows that there are sincere persons interested in the Hong Kong Defence Force who cannot understand criticism of plans they know to be honest, motivated, and perhaps of life-and-death urgency. Their attitude can be appreciated. But from an impartial point of view it is equally clear how the "malcontents" came by their objec-

department in the shelters. This put everybody on their mettle.

Flight of these return were actually furnished. It was amusing to see that the fighting departments were for some time in the worst position. Offended and spurred by this implied reproach, they very quickly took their proper place. The loss of hours in all departments was reduced to a fraction. Presently our fighters made daylight attack too easily to the enemy, and this plan phased away. In spite of the almost continuous alerts and alarms which were sounded, hardly a single Government department was hit during daylight when it was full of people, nor any loss of life sustained. But how much time might have been wasted in the functioning of the war-machine if the civil and military staffs guided up the wrong alley!

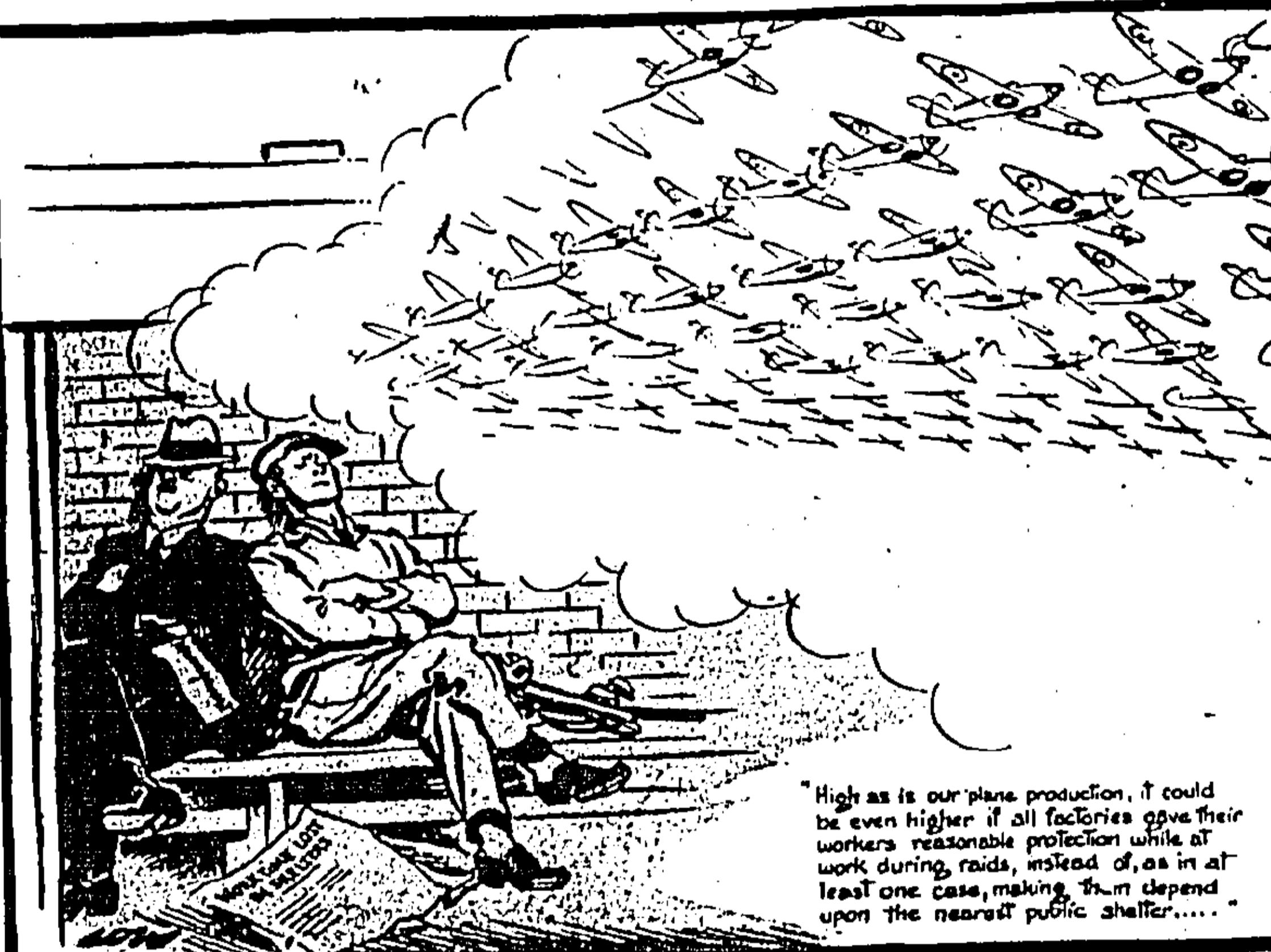
In short, everyone behaved with spirit and dignity; and it was also lucky that when the Chamber was blown to pieces a few months later, it was by night and not by day, when empty and not full. With our mastery of the daylight raids there came considerable relief in personal conveniences. But during the first few months I was never free from anxiety about the safety of the Members. After all, a free sovereign Parliament, fairly chosen by universal suffrage, able to turn out the Government any day, but proud to uphold it in the darkest days, was one of the points

to which we kindly convey to the Cabinet and Ministers the suggestion which I make that our hours should be somewhat advanced. Luncheon should be at 1 o'clock, and Cabinet times moved forward by half an hour. In principle it will be convenient if we aim at an earlier dinner.

Days Shorten

Prime Minister to Sir Edward Bridges. [Cabinet Secretary.]

12.IX.40.



"High as is our plane production, it could be even higher if all factories gave their workers reasonable protection while at work during raids, instead of, as in at least one case, making them depend upon the nearest public shelter...."

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which were in dispute with the enemy. Parliament won. I doubt whether any of the Dictators had as much effective power throughout his whole nation as the British War Cabinet. When we expressed our desire we were sustained by the people's representatives, and cheerfully obeyed by all. Yet at no time was the right of criticism impaired. Nearly always the critics respected the national interest; when on occasions they challenged us, the Houses voted them down by overwhelming majorities, and this, in contrast with totalitarian methods, without the slightest coercion, intervention, or use of the police or Secret Service. It was a proud thought that Parliamentary Democracy, or whatever our British public life can be called, can endure, surmount and survive all trials. Even the threat of annihilation did not daunt our Members, but this fortunately did not come to pass.

Parliament also required guidance about the conduct of its work in these dangerous days. Members felt that it was their duty to set an example. This was right, but it might have been pushed too far; I had to reason with the Commons to make them observe ordinary prudence and conform to the peculiar conditions of the time. I convinced them in Secret Session of the need to take necessary and well-considered precautions. They agreed that their days and hours of sitting should not be ad-

Bluish Look

In the middle of September, 1940, a new and damaging form of attack was used against us. Large numbers of delayed-action bombs were now widely and plentifully cast upon us and became an awkward problem. Long stretches of railway-line, important junctions, the approaches to vital factories, airfields, main thoroughfares, had scores of times to be blocked-off and denied to us in our need. These bombs had to

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be dug out, and exploded or rendered harmless. This was a task of the utmost peril, especially at the beginning when the means and methods had all to be learned by series of disastrous experiences. I have already recounted the drama of dismantling the magnetic mine, but this form of self-devotion now became commonplace while remaining sublime.

Special companies were formed in every city, town and district. Volunteers pressed forward for the deadly game. Teams were formed which had good or bad luck. Some survived this phase of the war.

Not Full

It will always add to the renown of the British Parliament that its Members continued to sit and discharge their duties through all this period. The Commons are very touchy in such matters, and it would have been easy to misjudge their mood. When our Chamber was damaged, they moved to another and I did my utmost to persuade them to follow wise advice with good grace. Their migrations will be recorded in due course.

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"Duds can give livelier performance," runs a headline in a contemporary. Tell that to the firecracker makers.

I see they're getting down to Grips with the hot weather problem.

Pedder Street closed to North-bound traffic. So now the ladies of the night will have to find a way of going South.

Said Papa Rabbit, putting down his evening paper in amazement, "What on earth is the matter with Junior? Why does he keep bouncing around and laughing and turning handsprings all the time?"

"Oh, it's just he's so happy," answered Mama Rabbit. "At school today he learned how to multiply."

The Dutch seem to be in the cart about Jakarta.

Direct sea communication has been re-established with the Persian Gulf after a break of 10 years. That cheer you heard was from our poppy lovers.

Small taxi are not allowed on the Hong Kong side. Our streets wouldn't look so full of traffic without those big, gold-dollar bought vehicles patrolling them in orderly lines.

Joe Louis, when asked who hit him hardest during his boxing career, replied, "The Collector of Inland Revenue."

When you're down and out, something always turns up. Especially the noses of your friends.

Then there was the young man who asked the nutkin if sh'd anything on tonight.

Shanghai police have seized \$16,000,000 of Communist currency. It is understood that offers from Peking to exchange gold yuan for them have been patriotically refused.

Africa may in future supply the soldiers Britain used to get from India. Sounds like an Imperialist idea to me.



"The empty saddle belonged to Pancho—he referred to the Senora as the 'Corned Beef Queen.'"

by iron routine. When eventually we got into Germany we found cities completely wrecked, but strong buildings standing up above the ground and spacious subterranean galleries where the inhabitants slept night after night, although their houses and property were being destroyed all around. In many cases only the rubble-heaps were stirred.

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Talks On Indonesia Postponed

The Hague, March 9.
A round-table conference on Indonesia, called by the Dutch for next Saturday, has been postponed for a few weeks because the Republicans have not accepted the invitation.

The United Nations Commission for Indonesia has asked the Security Council for a ruling on whether the Commission should agree to attend.

An official spokesman here said the Dutch Cabinet has revised its original rejection of the Security Council's demand that the Republican Indonesian Government be reinstated in its Dutch occupied capital of Djakarta.

But it is believed that the Dutch will insist on Republican leaders deciding to take part in the round-table conference before allowing them to go back to Java.

The spokesman said, the Netherlands' delegate, J. H. Van Royen, has not been instructed to make a definite announcement at tomorrow's meeting of the United Nations Security Council.

The Indonesian Federalists are still discussing the Dutch invitation with the Republicans and have made Republican attendance of the conference condition for their own participation.—Reuter.

BIGGER KICK IN GERMAN BEER

Frankfurt, March 9.
German brewers, granted 15,000 tons of barley for beer production, have been told by Bizonal officials that they can strengthen their brew for domestic consumption for the second time in under a year.

The newly-authorised potency, which is subject to approval by the various states, is nearly five times stronger than it was a year ago. The barley allowance was conditional on the Germans fulfilling their bread grain quota.—Reuter.

'RUSSIA MAKING THE ATOM BOMB'

Göttingen, March 9.
A German atomic expert is almost certain that Russia is making atomic bombs at two remote Siberian industrial centres.

Professor Werner Heisenberg, Nobel Prize winner and wartime head of German atomic research, also says that Soviet scientists may have made dangerous discoveries in the field of death rays.

Professor Heisenberg said that information leaking through the iron curtain supports the belief that the Russians are producing atomic weapons at their new city of Atomgrad and at the special industrial centre at Uchta, which resembles the United States' atom factory at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Both Atomgrad and the Uchta area are South West of the Siberian capital of Irkutsk, in the East Ural mountains which separate Europe from Asiatic Russia.

The German scientist said Soviet atomic research has been cloaked in remarkable secrecy, but that enough information has filtered through from Eastern Europe to convince him that Russia has succeeded in producing atomic weapons.—Reuter.

SECRET WHEAT PACT DENIED

Ottawa, March 10.
Mr. Louis St. Laurent, Canadian Prime Minister, has denied he has a secret deal with President Truman which would enable Britain to buy Canadian wheat should the United States declare wheat a surplus commodity.

The Prime Minister said: "Democratic Governments do not function by making so-called 'secret' arrangements."—Reuter.

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Czech Says: Malicious Lie

London, March 9.
A Czechoslovak Embassy official here tonight described as a malicious lie, allegations in the House of Commons today by Lord Vansittart that diplomatic bags at the Czechoslovak Embassy in London were used for smuggling artificial jewellery to finance Communist propaganda in Britain.

Told of the speech shortly after its delivery this afternoon, the Counsellor of the Embassy, Mr. Edward Goldtucker, told Reuter: "There is not a grain of truth in the allegations, which are a malicious lie. That is all there is to say."—Reuter.

Hong Kong And Arctic In Touch

Rosyth, March 9.
Britain's light aircraft-carrier Vengeance (13,000 tons) was in touch with Hong Kong during her trip to the Arctic.

HMS Vengeance was also in touch with Britain, Canada and Simonstown, the naval base in South Africa.

The Royal Navy's cold weather trials in the Arctic Circle were 95 per cent successful, Captain John Terry, who commanded Vengeance on its three weeks' patrol in Arctic waters, said.

Scientists have learned much about the effect of extreme cold on personnel and ships' gear, but bad weather reduced flying trials to two half days.

Tactically, he said, the trials proved that light aircraft carriers cannot move in pack ice without risk of serious damage and that movement by night is difficult because radar does not pick up the flat pack ice.

The cold had no effect on radio and radar transmission.—Reuter.

It is believed here that the first task of the reconstituted Soviet Defence Cabinet has been to call "Eastern Union" meeting of satellite Service chiefs with their political and intelligence aides, which is reported to take place in Hungary shortly.

Some quarters here believe that the next step will be the summoning of emissaries from each country concerned to Moscow for briefing on the fresh Soviet moves to counter the growing Western influence in Scandinavia and to discuss revised priorities for heavy industrial production.

The Polish preliminary national defence budget for 1949, presented yesterday, provides for an expenditure of £35 million, or more than 12 per cent of the total national budget, compared with £22 million last year.

Lord Vansittart asserted that since last year when the Yugoslav Premier, Marshal Tito, manifested a spark of independence and was promptly excommunicated by the high priests of the Kremlin, the Cominform had canalised its Western communications through three agencies—the Hungarian Consulate in Milan and the Legations in Berne and Paris.

"During the recent French coal strike, the Romanian Legion in Paris was used for the transmission of funds and orders for subversion," he said.

Lord Vansittart said he had been prompted to raise the question of totalitarian diplomacy as what he described as two Soviet diplomatic attempts to sever the last ties with the Western world.

Lord Vansittart asserted that if there are any more abuses by the Hungarian representatives in Britain, the Hungarian Club in London, which he described as nothing but a branch of Communism, should be closed.

Lord Henderson, Joint Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the whole root of the trouble is the different conception of diplomacy taken by the Soviet Union. She used it as a weapon in the cold war.

Relief from the present tension and confidence in international peace would come not from Soviet propaganda, but Soviet deeds for peace, he said.

The Soviet Union hopes to destroy the Christian Church as a centre of spiritual resistance and to use a puppet church as a means of controlling the minds and sympathies of the people.

A Good Answer

"No one any longer believes the confessions extorted by the totalitarian police and used in these trials," Lord Henderson added.

Lord Henderson said: "Soviet diplomacy has exasperated the Western world into the European Recovery Programme and now the Atlantic Pact, either of which would have seemed incredible three years ago. It seems to have resulted in wakening the Western world into a sense of its mission, beliefs and affinities and to have pushed it into cohesion."

"It is responsible for the final demise of American isolationism. Our diplomacy has not been slow to take advantage of this situation. In the work which has been done in developing the European Recovery Programme, the Western Union and the Atlantic Pact, and in other ways, we may reasonably be expected to offer a very good answer to the impending and imponderable menace of the East."—Reuter.

Mr. Walter Scott-Elliott, Conservative, asked what the

Minister proposed to do to bring areas in Malaya now occupied by Chinese squatters under proper control and administration.

"I informed the House on February 23 that a committee appointed by the High Commissioner has recently submitted proposals for absorbing into the social and economic life of the country groups of squatters who are law-abiding and wish to make their homes in Malaya.

"The committee's report, which includes recommendations for bringing the squatter areas under proper administration, is now receiving the urgent attention of the Malayan Government.—Reuter.

Under these conditions, Mr. Hubert said, it will prove impossible for the tin-production target, set in the four-year plan, to be reached. He asked what is to be done to provide adequate protection for the miners in view of the importance of this dollar-earning commodity to Britain's recovery.

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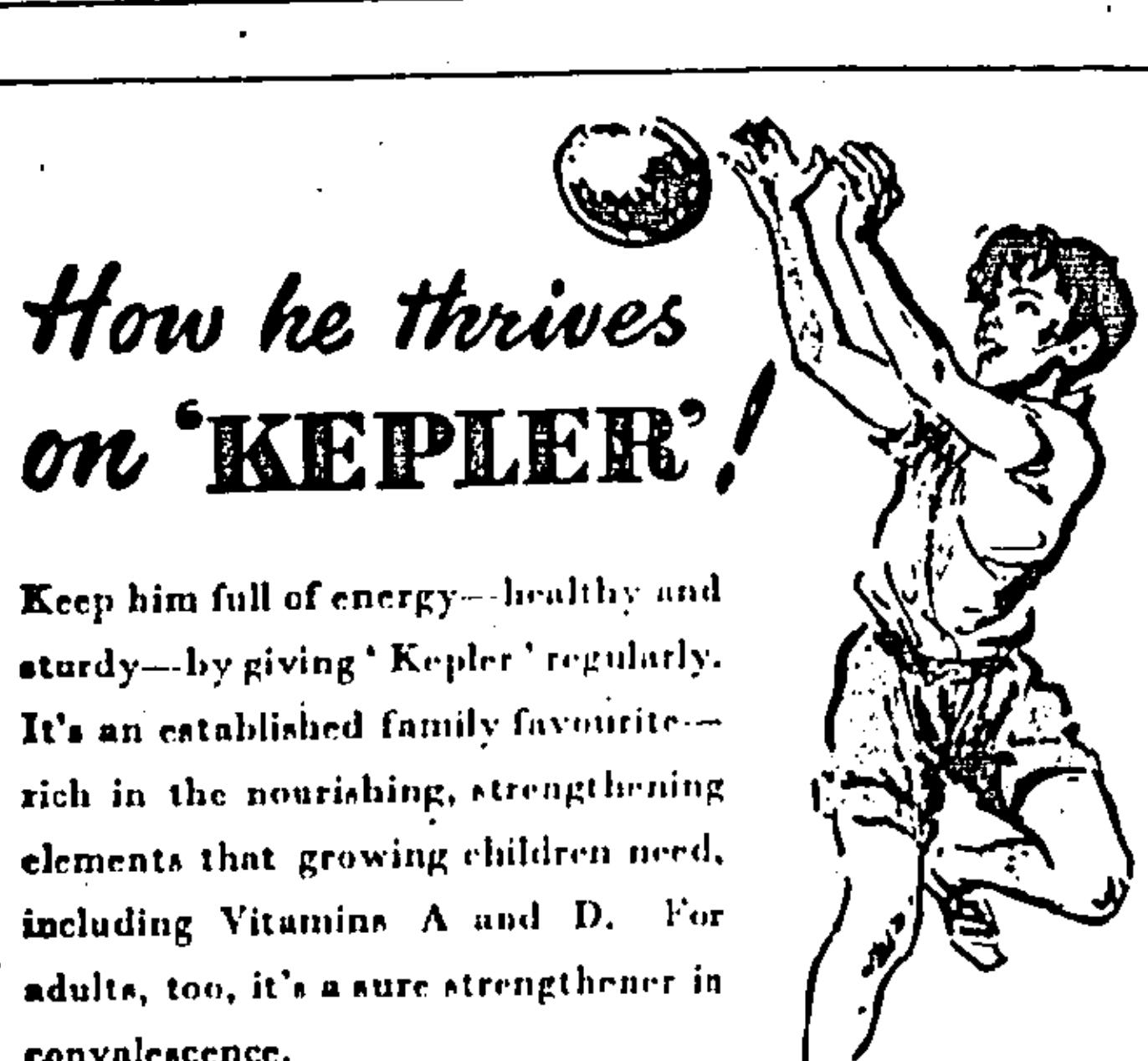
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Lesson 29

Vocabulary:

153. (ning) ning¹ To carry or to take hold of (with fingers).
154. (loh) law² To fetch, get, ask for, draw.
155. (shaam) shaam¹ A coat. Clothing.
156. (kin) geen Classifier for coats, objects, affairs.
157. (foo) foo³ Trouser.
158. (t'oh) toh³ A set. A series. A suit.
159. (cheuk) jeuk³ To wear. To put on.

Imitative combination:

- (3) shoot! shaam! ("oot" as in "foot")

Combinations:

1. Ning¹ lai. To bring (it).
2. Ning¹ hui¹. To take (it).
3. Ning¹ faan¹ hui¹. To take it back.
4. Law² tseen². To ask for money. To draw money.
5. Law² yue². To fish.
6. Yut¹ geen shaam¹. One coat.
7. Yut¹ teeo foo³. One pair of trousers.
8. Yut¹ toh³ shaam¹. One suit of clothing.

Conversations:

- A. Ning¹ geen shaam¹, lai bay² ngaw lahi¹. Bring me a coat.
- B. Nay jeuk¹ been¹, geen shaam¹ ah³? Which coat will you wear?
- A. Ngaw jeuk¹, geen sun¹ geh³. I'll wear the new one.
- B. Ngaw wun² m doh². I can't find (it).
- B. Nay jai¹ hai² been¹ shue³ neh¹? Where did you put (it)?
- A. Ngaw jai¹ hai² song². I put it in (the) room.
- B. Hai m¹ hai nee¹, geen ah³? Is this the one?
- A. Hai lok¹, m¹ goy¹ nay¹. Yes, thank you.
- B. Nay hui¹ been¹ shue³ ah³? Where are you going?
- A. Ngaw hui¹ pgun hong law² dee¹ tseen². I'm going to the bank to draw some money.
- B. Nay law² teen² jai dzoh mee¹ yeh ah³? For what purpose are you drawing money?
- A. Ngaw law² lai ning¹ hui¹ bay² kui¹. I'm drawing (it) to take (it) to him.
- B. Kui yeeoo³ tseen² meh¹? He needs money, eh?
- A. Hai, kui dzoh jaw² yut¹ toh³ sun¹ shaam¹, yeeoo³ tseen² hui¹ low¹. Yes, he has had made a new suit (and) wants (the) money to go to collect (it).

KING VICTOR'S ESTATE

London, March 9.
Former King Victor Emanuel of Italy, who died in Cairo in 1947, left an estate in England valued at £153,287. Details were not revealed.

Letters of administration were granted to Hambros' Bank Ltd. for the ex-King's widow, children and grandchildren.—Associated Press.

PLAQUE IN SIAM

Bangkok, March 10.
Reports from Loey, province of North Eastern Siam, said that the plague has killed seven of the 15

CHAIR MURDERER TO DIE

London, March 9.
Harry Lewis, 21, was sentenced to death today for the murder of Harry Michelson, a cartoonist and commercial artist, last Christmas.

Lewis said he broke into Michelson's flat late on Christmas night in search of money. The cartoonist woke up and, panicking, Lewis picked up a metal chair, with which he hit Michelson.—Reuter.

Persons stricken there.
Health authorities said most of the cases appeared in rural areas.—Associated Press.

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New Airfield In Kwangtung

Canton, March 9.
A small airfield, suitable for light aircraft, has been completed at Tolshan, 150 miles South West of Canton.

Chinese sources say the airfield is the first of several of similar size to be built throughout Kwangtung Province.

They are to be used to expedite inspection tours by Provincial Government officials.

The plan to build the airfields was originated by Dr. T. V. Soong when he was Governor of Kwangtung.

He also bought several small aircraft, which were delivered last year.—Reuter.

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OPPOSITION MARCH OUT

Buenos Aires, March 9.
The Opposition Radical Party

last night tore up copies of President Juan Peron's constitutional reform proposals, threw them at the Peronista benches and marched out of Argentina's Constituent Assembly in protest against the measure.

This followed a day of prolonged disorders in the Assembly.

The Radical Party leader, Senator Moises Leibniz, told the Assembly that they were leaving because Peronista spokesmen in the Assembly had declared the reforms are designed only to enable President Peron to be re-elected.—Reuter.

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12.32 p.m.—Light Variety.

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1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.15 p.m.—Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—Music for You.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—Children's Half Hour.

6.02 p.m.—Music in English during the last Four Hundred years, written by Ruth Kirby. (Studio)

6.15 p.m.—A Concert by the Pupils of Maryknoll Convent. (Studio)

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6.50 p.m.—Charles Shadwell and His Friends.

7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)

7.15 p.m.—Sports Preview. (Studio)

7.30 p.m.—Handbox. From the Golden Green Hippodrome, London. (BBC)

8.00 p.m.—From the Editorials. (London Relay)

8.10 p.m.—The Man Who Is to Be King.

by Dorothy Bayley. 12th Play (Final). "The King Comes to His Own." (BBC)

9.05 p.m.—Light Piano Parade.

9.15 p.m.—"Here Comes the Copper" by Henry Wade. Read by Clifford Davies. (Studio)

9.35 p.m.—Short Programme of the Music of Bach.

10.00 p.m.—Radio News Real. (London Relay)

10.10 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.15 p.m.—"The Old Rocking Chair" A Programme of Old-Time Melodies and Songs. Introduced by Christopher Stone. (BBC)

10.45 p.m.—Music for Dancing.

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

FIGHTING REPORTED IN SOUTH PALESTINE

London, March 9.
Transjordan today claimed that new fighting has broken out in Southern Palestine, menacing the British force based at Akaba, but an Israeli spokesman discounted the report.

The Transjordanian report, sent to the British Foreign Office, said Israeli troops in some strength are fighting their way across the Negev desert toward the Transjordanian port.

Officials in Amman told the British Minister, Sir A. Kirkbride, that troops of the two nations clashed at an undisclosed point in the Negev area.

Transjordanian delegates on the Island of Rhodes reported to the United Nations authorities that two Israeli columns are advancing on Akaba.

The acting United Nations Palestine mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, immediately ordered a team of observers to the Transjordanian city to make a full report.

Transjordanian reports received in Washington said one Israeli column had reached a point 19 miles North of the hamlet of Rasbrash on the Gulf of Akaba near the seaport.

A second column has reached the Jordan River about 70 miles North of Akaba.

British officials said the Negev fighting is the most serious incident in Palestine since an uneasy peace settled over the Holy Land after the December battle in the Negev between Egyptian and Israeli forces.

News of the fighting reached here as Israeli and Transjordan officials attempted to negotiate a truce on Rhodes. Negotiations have been held up for several days.

Treaty

The incident immediately raised the question whether the British would help Transjordan under the terms of the Anglo-Transjordan treaty, which calls for British assistance if the Transjordan frontiers are threatened.

Earlier, Colonel Perlman had said that no Israelis have invaded Transjordan or left Israeli soil at any other point.

British troops moved to Akaba under the terms of the pact, late in December, at a time when Jewish-British relations had reached a new low point.

Two weeks later Israeli forces shot down five British planes over the Negev.

In the Egyptian frontier area, a British Foreign Office spokesman would not comment whether the treaty would be invoked now. The strength of the British forces at Akaba has never been revealed. However, it is known that the forces were not large.

Neither the Israeli nor the Transjordan Legations in London thus far has received any information about the fighting. An Israeli spokesman, however, pointed out that Israel had long claimed all the Negev. The spokesman implied that if a Jewish force is on the move, it may be headed for the coastal strip that is part of the Negev.

Mr. Walter Fletcher, Conservative, had asked what are the latest prospects for exports of rice from Burma and whether the rice ration in Malaya is likely to be affected by the dangers to these exports arising from the unsettled conditions in Burma.

Mr. Strachey replied: "Exports from Burma are coming out in very good volume and Malaya's stock position, together with supplies actually in sight, is sufficiently good to avoid any danger to the rice ration in the immediate future."

A continuance of the disturbed state of Burma during the next month or two, when shipments should be at their peak, might however give cause for anxiety about the ration later in the year."—Reuter.

U.S. WARSHIPS FOR CHILE

Santiago de Chile, March 9.

Chile is to acquire a number of naval vessels from the United States, according to the newspaper "El Mercurio de Valparaiso" today.

The paper said the Chilean Government will buy an aircraft carrier, the 10,000 tons cruiser Boise, and two or three destroyers.—Reuter.

The Four Deputy Foreign Ministers agreed to hear Yugoslavia's modified demands for an unspecified amount of Austrian territory and reparations.

The Russian Ambassador, Georgi Zarubin, has supported Yugoslav claims.

The Deputies, who adjourned in a deadlock last Spring, have been meeting for a month in a new attempt to reach an agreement.

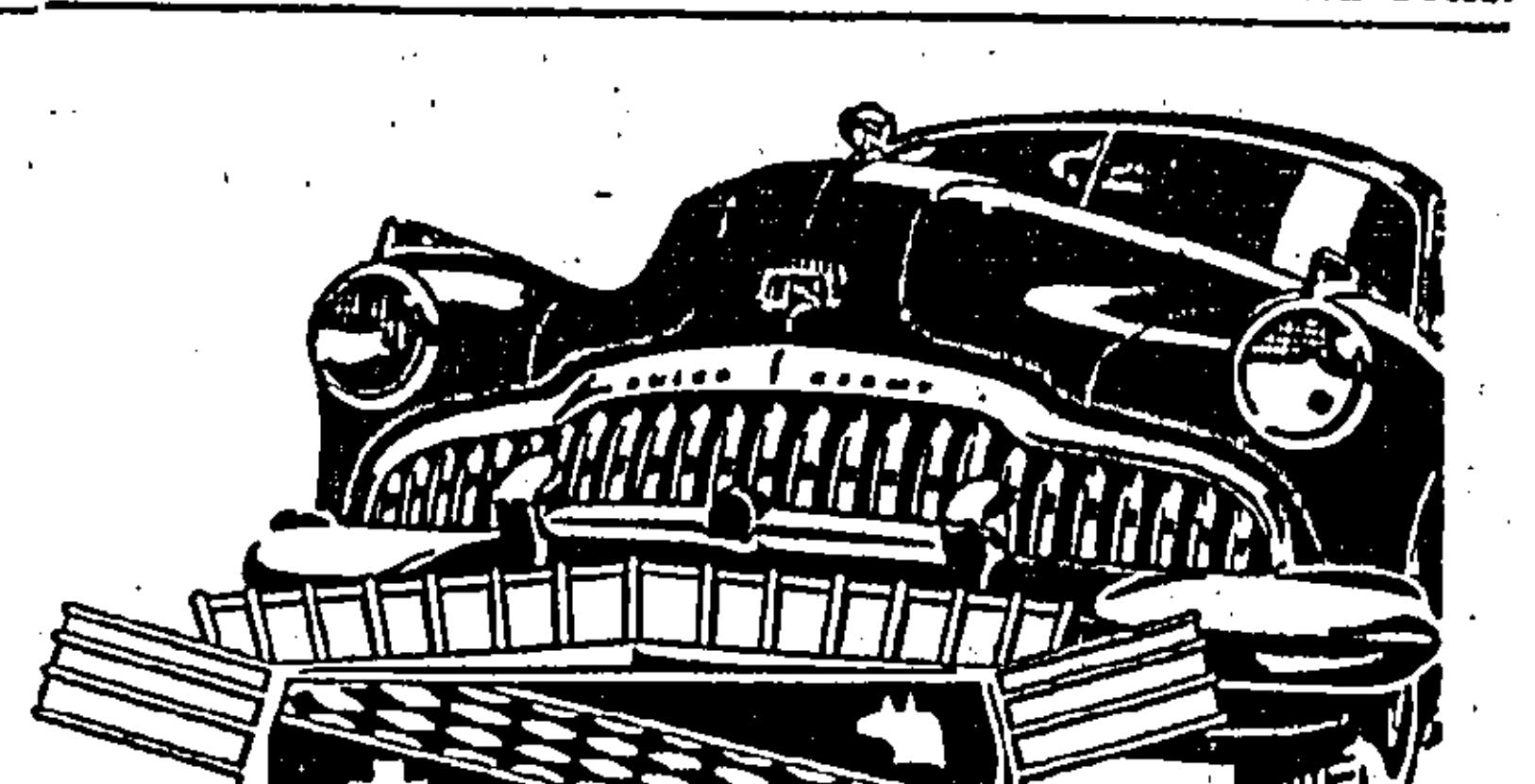
Yugoslavia reduced her claim for 300 square miles of Southern Austria and £37,500,000 reparations but insisted, with Soviet backing, that some territory and reparations be ceded by Austria.

The three Western Powers support the Austrian Government's opposition to the Yugoslav demands.—Associated Press.

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PACT IS A DEFINITE WARNING

Washington, March 10. The Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, today pictured the still secret Atlantic Pact as carrying a strong warning to any aggressor that the United States will strike back in the event of an attack on Western Europe.

No aggressor is entitled to make the same mistake three times, he told a news conference.

That is a phrase he borrowed from Congressional advocates of the treaty project who argued that the errors of judgment which Germany twice made about American policy toward Europe should never be repeated by it or any other nation.

Mr. Acheson, pointing to the split between Russia and the Western world, termed the defense agreement a logical development in the series of measures the Westerners have adopted in trying to stabilize the divided world.

Mr. Acheson said the U.S. and the other countries have not created something new but simply recognized the association of this country with Western Europe—a relationship going back for 300 years.

The negotiators succeeded, he said, in drafting a treaty which is wholly within the UN charter and one which makes clear the determination of the U.S. and the powers associated with it to exercise their inherent right of self-defense, individually and collectively against aggression from any quarter.—Associated Press.

MISSING PLAN CAUSED RECALL

London, March 9. A "missing" 10-year plan for the Leeward Islands was one of the reasons why Earl Baldwin, Governor of the Caribbean sugar colony, was recalled to London "for consultation."

He is returning to the Leewards on Friday. The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, said in the House of Commons today that he had been disturbed by the absence of adequate reports from Lord Baldwin on the industrial situation and other aspects of his administration, which included a 10-year development plan, as well as proposals for constitutional reform.

Mr. Creech Jones said that the plan, awaited for some time, had now been sent by the acting Governor during Lord Baldwin's absence.—Reuter.

Vevey, Switzerland, March 9. A gas machine for filling children's balloons exploded in a department store here today, killing a sales girl and injuring six other people. The windows of the two-storey shop were blown out.—Reuter.

London, March 9. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, and other West European Foreign Ministers are likely to sail in the Queen Mary on March 25 to sign the Atlantic Pact in April.

Tentative arrangements for signing the Pact will make it necessary to advance the date of the 10-power London conference on setting up a "Parliament of Europe," due to be held on March 28.

The final draft of the North Atlantic Alliance was studied by the Foreign Office today and will probably be placed before the Cabinet.

According to present plans, British approval, considered certain, will be sought in Washington by the end of the week.

In Washington today, Mr. Dean Acheson, U.S. Secretary of State, said that he has suggested to the negotiators of the Pact that it should be signed in Washington. They are aiming to sign the pact during the first week in April.

Mr. Acheson said at the weekly press conference that there is no mystery about the nations to be invited to join the United States, Canada, Britain, France, Norway, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg in signing the treaty, but he could make no announcement about the invitations until each country has indicated it is agreeable.

Diplomatic quarters in Washington believe that Italy, Portugal, Denmark and Iceland will be invited to join the Alliance.

Mr. Acheson said that the representatives of the North Atlantic powers have decided on the list of nations who will be invited to join the pact.

Obstruction By Russians

The Pact negotiators are setting up institutional aids which will make the treaty effective.

Reviewing the events which had led to the treaty negotiations, Mr. Acheson said that it had unhappily become apparent that efforts to bring about economic recovery, and work out a settlement of the problems which underlie a permanent peace settlement, are running into difficulties.

It seems clear that the Soviet Union is not prepared to co-operate in this undertaking and intends to delay, if not obstruct, the efforts to reach a settlement.

The Secretary of State said he thought President Truman's speech in March, 1947, outlining the "Truman Doctrine" and further aid to Greece and Turkey, was as good a starting point of any for a review of the events leading to the North Atlantic treaty.

It is important that the nations interested in peace remain strong and it is also important that the military not run away with things and that military expenditure not be a disproportionate item in the nation's total expenditure.

It was President Truman who had kept things in balance.

To Be Signed In Washington

Mr. Acheson said he had gone over the full draft of the proposed treaty in detail yesterday with some members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He had been able to clear up certain questions in their minds. Both Washington and Bermuda had been suggested as possible places for the signing of the treaty.

The public announcement that Washington has been suggested as the place for signing is regarded in Washington as indicating that the choice of the

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Italy Gets Formal Notice

Rome, March 9. The Italian Government has received formal notice from Washington of a decision to extend the North Atlantic Pact to Italy.

The decision was communicated to the Italian Government through its Ambassador in Washington, Signor Alberto Tarchiani. An official invitation to join the pact will arrive when the text is sent to Italy for approval before signing.—Reuter.

ITALIAN QUAKE

Rome, March 9. A slight earthquake was recorded today by Florence and Rome observatories. And the Italian News Agency reported.

The quake was recorded at 4:10 a.m. GMT by both institutes at some distance between the two towns in Tuscany. No damage is reported.—Associated Press.

Britain Tries Out Her Defences

London, March 9. Rear-Admiral Earl Mountbatten today tested, and found good, the British defenses of the Straits of Gibraltar.

Ending war games involving 44 ships of the British Home and Mediterranean fleets, Earl Mountbatten led his attacking force towards the Straits but was repulsed, the Admiralty reported.

An Admiralty source said the exercises showed the Fleet to be somewhat vulnerable to air attack.

For that reason, the Admiralty ordered mock exercises in the Bay of Biscay and in the approaches to Plymouth near the end of March.

The Home Fleet's job will be to beat off attacking carrier and home-based aircraft and also submarines.

Arctic Tests

Meanwhile, the airship carrier Vengeance returned after testing equipment within the Arctic Circle.

Captain John Terry, commanding, said that an immense amount was learned about Arctic flying condition types of clothing, food and Radar operation.

Two destroyers, a frigate, a submarine and an oiler took part in the three weeks test.

"Tactically, the trials proved that extreme cold in the Arctic Circle does not preclude the possibilities of naval warfare, but it does impose sharp limitations," Captain Terry said.

"We found out that movement by night is virtually out of the question because Radar does not pick up the flat pack ice."—Associated Press.

Mountbattens Hit By Heavy Taxes

London, March 10. Taxation has hit Britain's famous Mountbatten family so hard that a bill to free Lady Mountbatten from inheritance restrictions is to be introduced in the House of Lords.

Object of the bill is to give Lady Mountbatten's two daughters, who are the ultimate beneficiaries under the inheritance.

In 1921 when Lady Mountbatten inherited her fortune from Sir Ernest Cassel, financier and close friend of King Edward VII, the standard rate of income tax was six shillings in the pound. Today the standard rate is nine shillings in the pound plus a heavy surtax for incomes above £2,000 a year.

Legal and financial advisers have told the Mountbattens unless the inheritance restrictions are removed they will have to reduce their public works drastically, the statement added.

The reduction in their income coincided with an ever increasing range of public duties which have involved them in unavoidable and heavy expenditures.

Under her grandfather's will, Lady Mountbatten, aged 47, was left a life interest in a capital sum of about £1 million which provided a large yearly income.

The bequest has restrictions which not only prevent her touching the capital, but bar her from borrowing on future income.

An act passed in 1935 prevented these restrictions being applied to married women but it was not retrospective, and it did not apply to Lady Mountbatten's inheritance.

Hence the promotion of what is known as a "personal bill" in Parliament.

The last time this procedure was adopted was in 1946, when a bill was enacted in connection with the Marquess of Abercavenny's estate breaking a four century old provision.

The step now being taken will

be to lay down that capital and income should go to Lady Mountbatten's children in the event of her death, or, if she had no children, be added to her sister's share.—Reuter.

ACK-ACK CENTRE IN CYPRUS

Limassol, Cyprus, March 9. British specialists will shortly establish an anti-aircraft centre near here, according to reliable sources.

One Cyprus regiment has been reorganized into an anti-aircraft unit and Cypriot soldiers sent abroad for specialised training in this field.—United Press.

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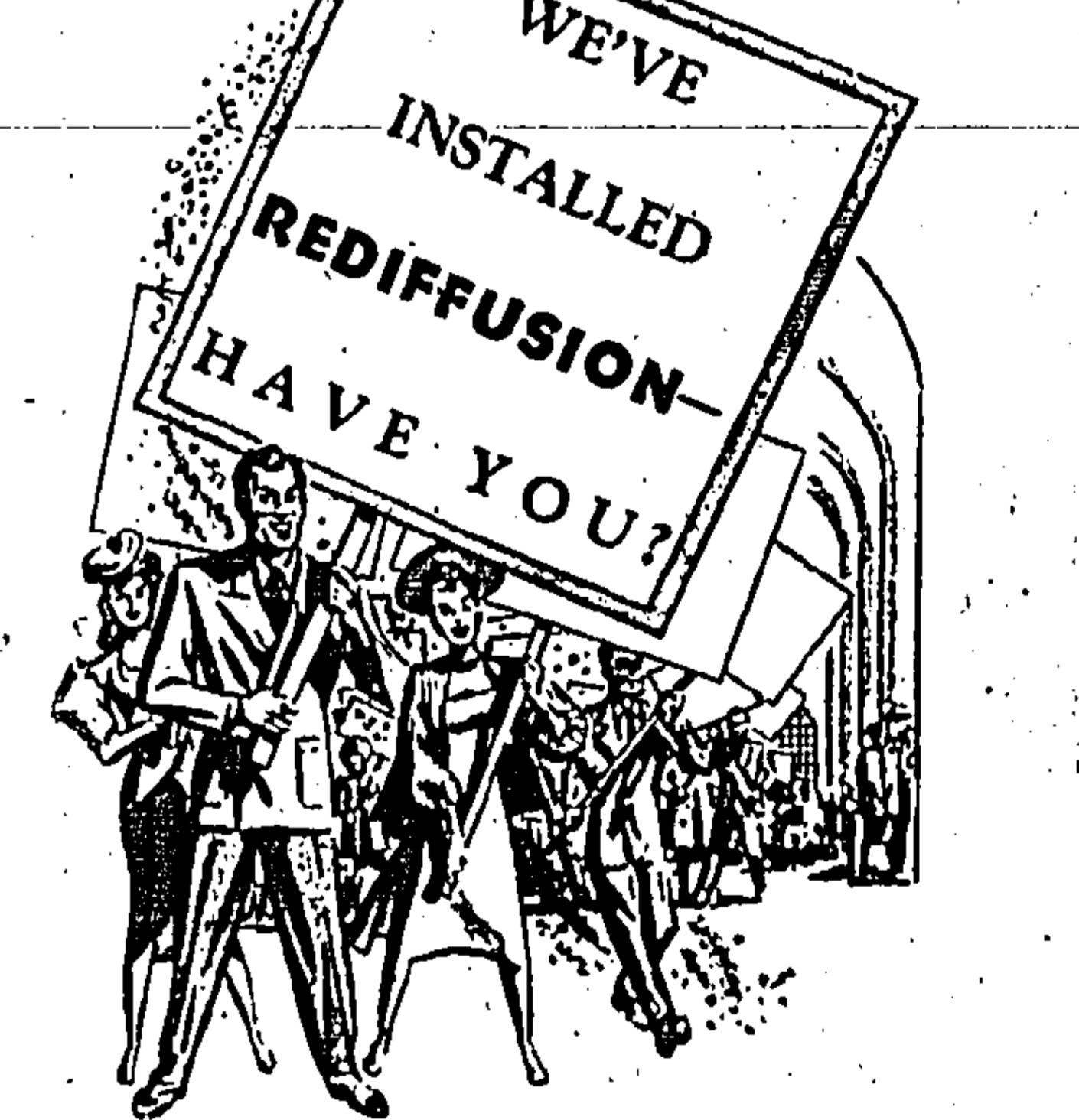
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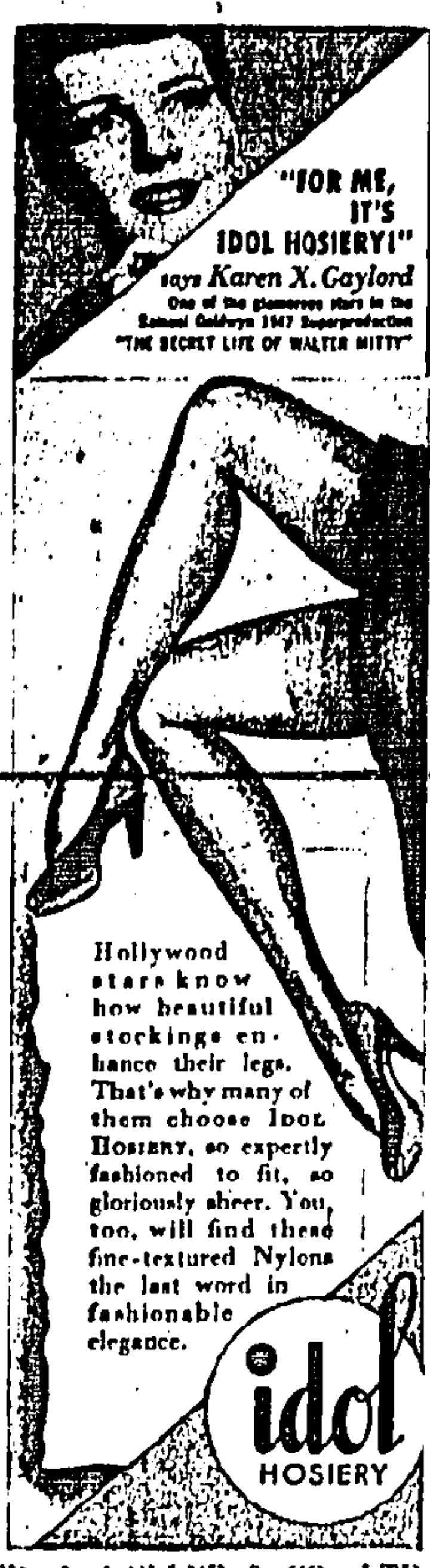


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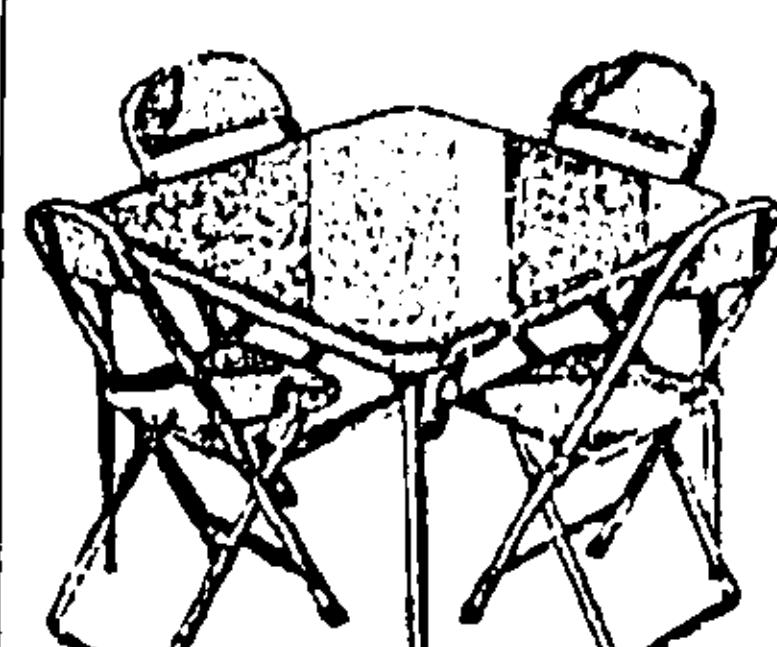
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'KIDNAPPED' AIRMEN TELL EXCITING STORY

All the 18 occupants of the "kidnapped" China National Aviation Corporation C-47 plane, which was forced to land at Tsinan, the Communist-held capital of Shantung, were well treated during their 38 days' captivity.

They were virtually confined in the Tsinan municipal hostel, where they were not allowed to communicate with the outside world, say the three-man crew who returned here yesterday afternoon.

Pilot Donald K. Haasig, of Inglewood, California, Co-pilot C.I. Hsu and the radio operator, T.Y. Wuang, were escorted by nine passengers, including two Germans, Joseph Kautholt, and W. Haeslop. The passengers are remaining in Tsinan.

They confirm rumours that the plane was "kidnapped" when only 10 minutes out of Shanghai.

They said that six armed Communist agents held up Hsu and Wuang as they were distributing lunch boxes among the 15 passengers.

The agents had obtained passage aboard the plane by posing as businessmen and petty officials.

With Hsu and Wuang covered, the gunmen broke into the pilot's cabin and released Captain Haasig from the controls at gun-point. One of the agents thereupon took control of the machine, which he flew inexpertly.

In the drought-stricken North West corner of New South Wales, the rains are expected to save big fodder harvests and bring hopes of increased meat quotas for Britain.

Heavy rains along the Murray River, which divides New South Wales from Victoria, have damaged dried fruit crops. Many families and homesteads in Southern Queensland and Northern New South Wales have been washed away by the flood waters.

Aircraft have been searching for people reported missing and dropping food supplies to marooned communities and farms.

The rains, which followed the cyclone which swept Queensland last week, have averaged an inch a day over an area of more than 500,000 square miles. Reuter.

Berlin, March 9. The 50,000th passenger evacuated from Berlin to Western Germany since the airlift began—a small girl—left Gatow airport today on an RAF plane for Luebeck. Reuter.

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After a brief discussion, the agents approached Hsu and with a wave of their pistols ordered him to make a landing. Hsu made a normal landing under perfect flying conditions.

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The only stoppage reported on the Dominion's railroads—all State-owned—was at McIsaac, on the Baroda State Railway, where substitute staffs took over after a few key men struck work.

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RIJNKERK*	from Shanghai 14th March.	to Europe via Manila & Straits. 15th March.
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STERLING AREA TRADE TALKS

Tokyo, March 9:
A sterling area trade conference will open here on
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It will be held between representatives of the Foreign Trade Division of the headquarters of General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, and the signatories of the sterling area trade agreement.

This agreement, signed last November, was between Australia, India, New Zealand, South Africa and Malaya and its colonies, except Hong Kong, on the one side, and the Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, acting in respect of occupied Japan, on the other.

It provided for trade exchanges to the value of at least £5 million in the year ending June 30, 1949.

British observers in Tokyo said today that the conference, initially at least, will only review past trade, and they know nothing of a \$300 million figure recently mentioned in Washington.

The observers say it is safe to assume, however, that the next agreement will call for more trade between the sterling area and Japan.

Under Cutting

The observers discount other recent reports that Japanese textiles have been undercutting British textiles on the world markets.

"If there have been any protests they must have been anticipatory," the British officials said.

Although they agree that Japanese prices have not yet been reduced to the undercutting level, both British and American private traders foresee such a development in the future.

The rationalisation of industry, greater efficiency in Japanese mills (the dormitory system for female workers is mentioned as an example), the elimination of middlemen, cheaper distribution and, to a certain extent, sweat labour in cottage industries are all expected to result eventually in the production of Japanese textiles which will undercut both the British and American products—Reuter.

NY RUBBER

New York, March 10:
Crude rubber standard futures closed 15 higher with sales of two contracts. March 19.05 nominal.

Crude rubber No. 1 futures closed 10 higher to two lower with sales of 74 contracts. March 18.00; May 18.90; July 18.85; September 18.49-50.

Spot No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets 10%—Associated Press.

LONDON STOCKS

London, March 10:
The stock market rallied yesterday on active covering operations. Industrials closed with small gains and the gilt-edged group also improved. Oils moved higher and Kaffirs finished firm. Lead mining shares declined sharply after Tuesday's lead price reduction by American companies.

"Financial Times" Index: 114.7.—Associated Press.

NEW TRADE PACT

Vienna, March 10:
The Austrian Government today announced the conclusion of a trade and clearing agreement with the Turkish Government.

The negotiations, which began in Vienna on January 24, include a most favoured nation clause.—Associated Press.

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ENGLAND WIN OVER SOUTH AFRICA, 2-0

Denial Made Of Charges Of Forgery

The case in which S.J. Moalem was charged with forgery and with uttering a forged document was continued yesterday before Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central.

Mr. H.G. Sheldon, K.C. instructed by Mr. Hammond, prosecuted and Mr. M.A. da Silva was for the defence.

Cross-examined by Mr. Sheldon, defendant denied that he had ten with the Benjamins of the Hong Kong Hotel as was alleged. He said that the question of having ten was a fabrication on their part and a deliberate lie.

Defendant said that he had every right to sign the bill of lading as he was at that time still holding the Power of Attorney.

In his submission, Mr. Silva reminded the magistrate that Moalem was committed to stand trial, meaning that defendant had a cause to answer and be tried by a jury, but on the instructions of Crown Counsel the case is being tried summarily.

"It does not mean that since Moalem was committed recently that he must be guilty and it was up to the prosecution to prove defendant's guilt beyond any reasonable doubt and it was not up to the defence to prove his innocence."

Mr. Silva said that at no time was Moalem service terminated with Benjamin and Sons Limited, Moalem had from time to time given financial assistance to the Benjamins.

When Moalem came down from Shanghai, Benjamin and Sons Limited was not doing well and had a staff of four or five persons.

When Moalem took over not only did he make a profit of between \$20,000 and \$30,000 a month but the staff was also increased to 14 or 15.

In recognition of Moalem's service he was given from the firm a raise of from \$1,000 to \$1,500 a month.

Description of the case will be given by Mr. d'Almada on March 14.

Public Ballot For Sites, Huts

A public ballot for sites and huts on beaches in the New Territories will be held on March 30 at the District Office, Kowloon Magistracy, at 4 p.m. Applicants will be restricted to bona fide Hong Kong residents.

Applicants who prove successful in the Urban Council draw on March 22 will not be allowed to participate in the District Office draw.

Successful applicants will be required to pay their permit fees not later than at noon on April 5.

Fees will be: A Class: \$250; B Class: \$100 and C Class: \$50.

Application forms may be obtained from the District Office.

Applications must reach the District Office before 5 p.m. on March 23.

Each application must be accompanied by a cash deposit of \$10. This deposit may cover simultaneous application for any three beaches. Applications for more than three beaches must be accompanied in each case by a cash deposit of a further \$10 for each additional beach. Deposits will not be returned.

SCHLEGELE WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Mr. Paul Nicolas Schlegel, missionary, of 58 Taipa Road, and Miss Gertrude Schleuthaus, missionary, of the same address.

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England beat South Africa by three wickets in the fifth and final Test match here today and so won the series by two victories to nil, with three matches left drawn.

All the thrills were crammed into the last 90 minutes of play, as South Africa had declared their second innings closed at 187 for three wickets.

Accepting the challenge flung down by Dudley Nourse's declaration, England won a thrilling victory almost on time by three wickets. The declaration meant that England had 95 minutes in which to score 172 runs and from the start they went for the runs.

Needless to say, wickets fell as batsmen hit out, but the score was always ahead of the clock after Hutton and Washbrook had taken 30 runs from the first three overs.

The 100 was signalled in 53 minutes, and it was still anybody's game when most of England's best batsmen were among the seven wickets which had fallen with ten minutes to go.

Crapp and Watkins were then together and when eight runs were needed Crapp batted Norman Mann for 4, 2, 4 and the match was won.

Selfless Batsman

Dudley Nourse could scarcely have expected his side to lose when he made his final gamble today for victory by declaring, but from the start England approached their task as though they were never in danger of defeat.

All the batsmen deserved credit for their complete selflessness and once again showed themselves a team in every sense.

It was reminiscent of the first Test at Durban, where England won with the last ball of that game.

So England won the rubber by two wins to nil, three matches having been drawn.

The final scoreboard:

South Africa 1st inning 370

Second Innings

Mitchell, c Griffith, b Bedser 56
Rowan, c Jenkins, b Young 37

Cheetham, c Compton, b Young 18

Nourse, not out 30

Wade, not out 34

Extras 12

Total (for 3 decl.) 187

Bowling

O M R W

Bedser 10 3 43 1
Gladwin 6 2 14 0
Young 23 9 34 2
Jenkins 4 0 27 0

Compton 0 0 57 0

England 1st innings 395

Second Innings

Hutton stumped Wade, b A. Rowan 32

Washbrook, c A. Rowan, b Mann 40

Rowan 42

Mann, c Dawson, b Mann 26

Bedser, c Nourse, b A. Rowan 1

Crapp, not out 28

Gladwin, c Tuckett, b Mann 15

Griffith, bw b Mann 0

Watkins, not out 5

Extras 11

Total (for 7) 174

Bowling

O M R W

McCarthy 2 0 20 0

Tuckett 2 0 13 0

A. Rowan 10 0 0 3

Mann 9.7 0 65 4

Reuter.

Annual Sevens Opening

(BY "TOUCH-JUDGE")

In traditional style the local Rugger Season closes with the Annual Sevens, the opening rounds of which will take place tomorrow on Club Ground.

All proceeds of this competition go to local Charities and a good turn-out is anticipated.

Nineteen teams have entered this year, three more than last year—and a good afternoon's sport is promised.

Looking over the teams it is difficult even to hazard a guess at the likely winners of the Blarneystone Shield, although Gunners "A" being fast are a formidable looking side, and a great thing in the Seven game, have youth on their side.

The following is the draw:—

FIRST ROUND

2.30 p.m. Buffs "A" v. Taikoo.

2.45 p.m. Belfast v Club Soccerites.

3. p.m. Wayfong v Gunners "A".

3.15 p.m. Black Swan v Tonbridge.

3.30 p.m. Gunners "B" v Civil Service.

3.45 p.m. Club "C" v Minor Units.

4 p.m. HMS Hart v Club "A".

4.15 p.m. Club "B" v Air Force.

4.30 p.m. Buffs "B" v Tamar.

4.45 p.m. Buffs "A" or Taikoo v HMS Belfast or Club Soccerites.

THE REFEREES

The referees for the above games will be selected from among the following: Dr. J.A.R. Selby, Cdr. Parry, Major Allan R.A. Mr. I.U. Currie and Mr. C.W. Mills.

Ireland Show Superior Play Over Wales

Belfast, March 9.

Outplayed before their own supporters at Windsor Park here, Ireland finished at the bottom of the International soccer championship table when they lost by two goals to nil to Wales today.

Wales' superiority, particularly in the second half, was so pronounced that they would not have been flattered by a far larger margin of victory.

Ireland were a complete disappointment as a team. During the first half it appeared that they might settle down, but they fell away completely, the forward line was seldom seen either as a combined force or as individuals, and the defence was left to struggle gamely against the fast Welsh forwards.

Wales possessed a big advantage in speed and the fine foraging of the wing halves, Paul and Burgess, enabled them to maintain an almost continuous attack.

The scorers were Edwards in the first half, and Ford after the interval.

The attendance was 22,600.—

G.A. Souza, S. Ramchand, P.J. Mallinor, T. Crabtree, A.H. Ismail, D. Readman, K.M. Rumjahn, E.H. Eshai, J.L. Youngayee, S. Kes haw and R. Tay.

HONG KONG CRICKET TEAM

The following will represent HKCC "Scorpions" in a First League cricket match against Indian Recreation Club at Happy Valley tomorrow at 1.45 p.m.

G.A. Stokes, O. J. Kerr, T. A. Pearce, M. Newton, D.H. Leach, F. Howarth, J.E. Richardson, R. Gull, E.F. Gee, A.P. Weir, R.H. Hughes.

SOCER CHANGES

The following changes have been made to the week-end socer programme:

The First Division match between Kowloon Motor Bus and Club will now be played on Sunday at Boundary Street, kick-off 4.30 p.m.

The Second Division match between Army Kin. and Chinese AA has been transferred from Boundary Street to Chatham Road, and will be played on Saturday, kick-off 3 p.m.

After legal arguments between counsels, further hearing was adjourned to this morning.

Open Doubles Matches Slated

All tennis games which were due to be played yesterday were postponed owing to the unfavourable condition of the courts. The games will be played on Monday.

This Evening's Games

Colony Open Doubles Championship

Court 1: B. TM. Jones and M. A. Ayres vs. Szeto Dick and Choy

Court 2: Kwok Hing Cheung and Roch Leung v Ng Yeok Kin and P. Pooh. Umpire: Chow Bing Tao.

Court 3: Baker brothers v Teo Ping-fan and Luk Ding-cheung

Umpire: G. W. Sewell.

Court 4: L. F. Stokes and R. Regalen v. J. L. Pearce and D. Fitzroy Williams Umpire: J. Kiss.

Court 5: M. Heenan and M. W. Lo and N. Lo and D. Lo

Umpire: J. Mackie.

Court 6: Lee Boon-ting and T. T. Chen v Au Kam-moon and Lee Chun-kit Umpire: K. A. Cook.

BILL FUNK WINS IN DOUBLES FEATURE MATCH

With accurate placements and superb courtcraft, Bill Funk, the former Shanghai champion, walked away with the feature match of last evening's badminton programme, at the Racrocro.

The best game of the evening turned out to be the Junior Doubles encounter between YMCA's D. C. Lau-W. C. Chung and University's N. K. Chin-M. T. Yeow. By virtue of their splendid win over the seeded pair, Lau and Chung now rank top favourites for this event's honours.

The curtain